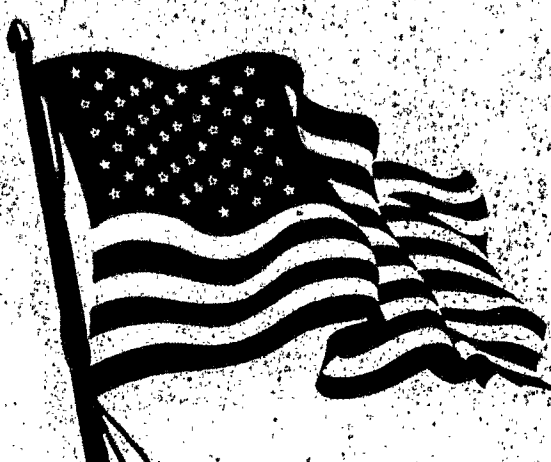


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Locals share their hopes and dreams for 2003

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Marcel Anderson spends his time in art, airplanes and remodeling.

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### Gex Street reopens, Cue Street closes

Gex Street, next to the Hancock County Courthouse, reopened Dec. 26 for public use while Cue Street closed due to renovations. Cue Street will be closed until further notice.

### Waveland City Hall offices to relocate

The following Waveland City Hall offices have temporarily moved next door into the City Hall Annex at 307 Coleman Ave.

The building, zoning, personnel and privilege license departments will be located upstairs in the rear of the building.

The Public Works Department (water, gas and sewer) will be located downstairs in the same building.

Directional signs will be installed for assistance.

This new location will open Dec. 30 and remain open during the renovation of City Hall.

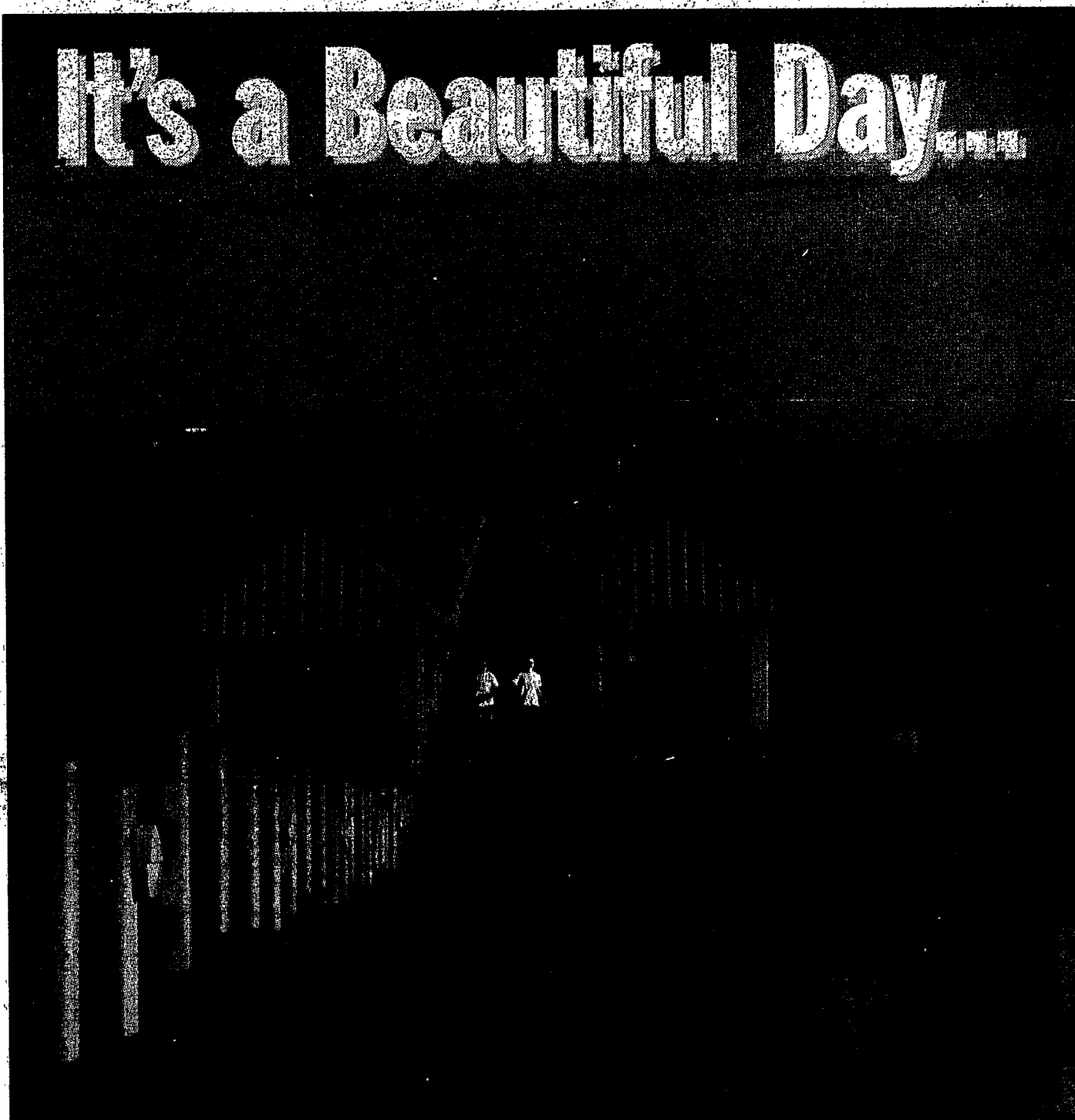
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## It's a Beautiful Day...



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Blue skies brought holiday vacationers outside on Friday afternoon to enjoy the beautiful weather and the last few days of 2002. The Jimmy Rutherford Memorial Pier in Bay St. Louis and area beaches were popular destinations for those seeking to work off a little of the excess Christmas dinner.

## Looking to 2003

City officials discuss their hopes, wishes for new year

Eddie Favre, Bay St. Louis mayor

"I wish it were as simple as wanting my two front teeth for Christmas," said Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre. "As mayor, what I wish for more than anything is for the people of Bay St. Louis and the people who visit here to just do the right thing."

"Our children should be loved, our seniors treated with special care, our working people encouraged, those with special needs never ignored, and above all, everyone treated with respect."

"Our city should be drug-free, have no one who speeds or drives under the influence of bad things. There should never be littering, vandalism or robberies, racism or conflict."

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## Season sales not so grand

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Local businesses gave mixed reviews on the success of the Christmas shopping season. Most said they did not do as well this year as last year, but still business was pretty good for the most part, merchants said.

General manager of the Waveland Kmart Steve Howard was the one person who gave a rave review this years shopping season.

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## A year in review ... 2002

BY SHANNON JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Natural disasters, close calls and celebrity appearances in 2002 that made headlines in The Sea Coast Echo.

January got off to a rough start for one man.

Kenneth Moody, a Biloxi trucker, narrowly escaped catastrophe when a train burst through his 1993 Peterbilt 18-wheeler, which was hung up on a railroad crossing at Clermont Harbor Boulevard and South Street.

As the 129 cars crashed into his truck one January evening, Moody's cab was

overturned and cut in half. Luckily, Moody nor anyone else was harmed.

The first month of the year also saw the formation of the Hancock County Narcotics Division. Sheriff Steve Garber named veteran officer Capt. Matt Karl as director of the new division composed of six agents and one secretary.

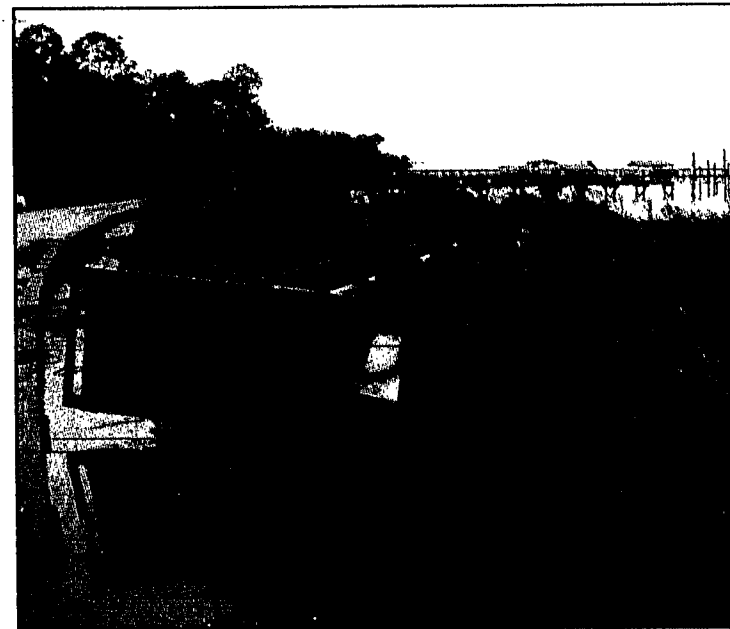
"Our main goal is to curb drugs in the county, and we want to make a visible impact on drug activity in the county," Karl said. "We work for the people of Hancock County, and I want them to know that we work to serve and protect them."

Later that month deputies seized more than five-and-a-half pounds of cocaine and arrested two illegal aliens after making a routine traffic stop. The estimated value of the cocaine was \$60,000 to \$70,000 in its raw form.

February brought a shoot out and a few celebrities to Hancock County.

Early in the month police officers fired shots at a Hancock County Justice Facility inmate who attempted an armed escape from the Hancock Medical Center parking lot.

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Echo file photo  
Tropical Storm Isidore uprooted this private pier in the North Bay area in late September. Both Isidore and Hurricane Lili made headlines more than once during the autumn of 2002.

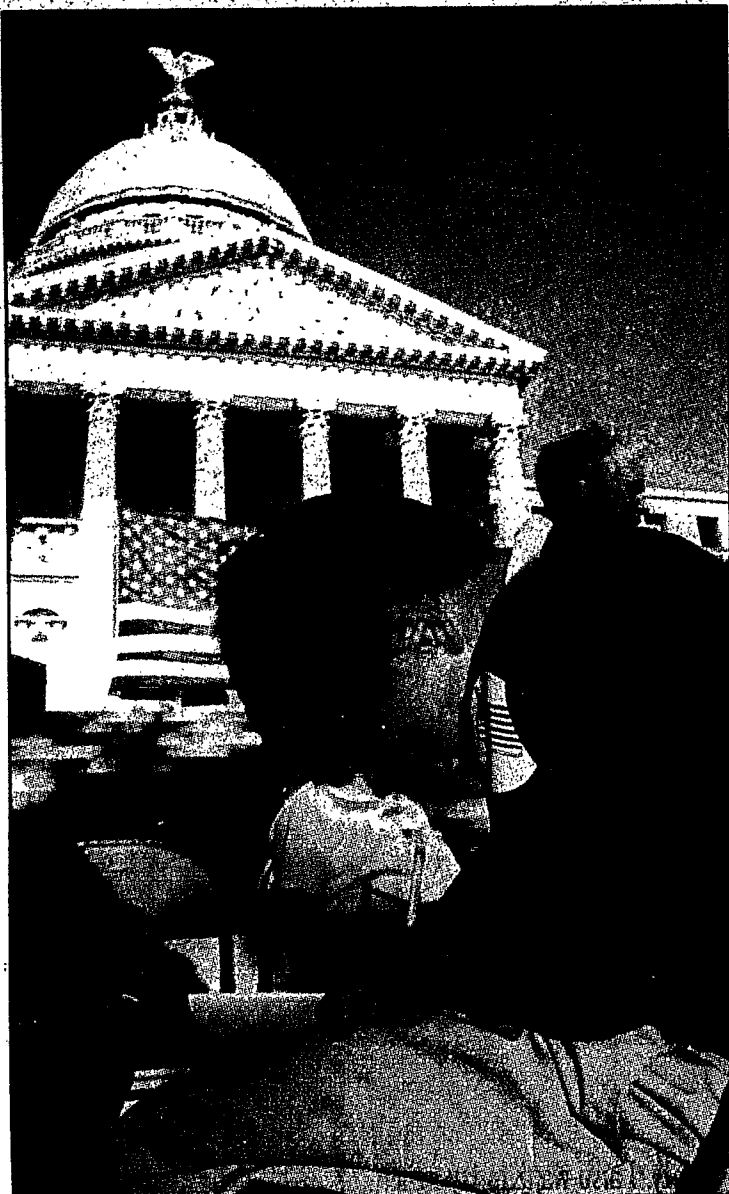
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## North Bay goes to Jackson

The students of Mary Kay Deen's multi-age class were honored with an invitation by Lt. Governor Amy Tuck to attend the Salute to Veterans ceremony in Jackson recently. In addition to the ceremony, held on the steps of the Capitol building, students received a tour of the Capitol, entered the Senate Chambers, met with the Lt. Governor and visited the Mississippi Natural Science Museum. Students prepared for the journey by using the Internet and books to research the history of our state and the legislative process. As part of the whole arts initiative in place at North Bay, each child was given several opportunities throughout the day to sketch, journal, and reflect on what they experienced. Students wave flags, above, to the tune of a marching band in honor of American veterans. Houston Miller, right, sketches the gold eagle atop the state capitol building.



## Waveland Terrific Kids

The November Terrific Kids at Waveland Elementary include first row, Zechariah Geoffrey, Chris Monnerjohn, Eroney Bello, Brandon Zomant, Annabelle Huynh, Kasin Arvonen, Patrick Ponder and Tristan Webb; back row, Elizabeth Hode, Taylor Holzhauser, Ashley Hunnicutt, Kendall Island, Cody Miller, Danny Jackson, Brooke Gilmore, Ashleigh Cholna, Megan Maddox and Sarah Holcomb. The school has a new lighted sign, thanks to the Waveland Elementary PTO, to help communicate with the community.

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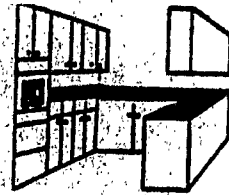


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## Births

### JAMESON DELL SEAY

Mr. and Mrs. James Philip Seay of Lakeshore announce the birth of their second child, Jameson Dell, Dec. 4, 2002 at 1:16 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

Mrs. Seay is the former Amy Herrmann.

Maternal grandparents are George Herrmann of New Orleans and the late Gaynell Herrmann.

Paternal grandparents are Irma Seay of Lakeshore and the late Delbert Seay.

Jameson Dell is welcomed by his sister, Madison Blaire.

### DONAVAN JAMES CUMBAA

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cumbaa III of Gulfport announce the birth of their first child, Donovan James, Dec. 6, 2002 at 1:43 a.m. at Garden Park Medical Center.

He weighed pounds, 12 ounces.

Mrs. Cumbaa is the former Holly Dear.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Martin and Eddie Dear of Gulfport.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cumbaa Jr. of Gulfport.

Great-grandparents

include Elizabeth Cumbaa, Mr. and Mrs. James Dear, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Martin, all of Gulfport.

### VINCENT AUGUSTUS SKETTENO

Mrs. and Mrs. Samuel John Sketteno Jr. of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Vincent Augustus, Nov. 14, 2002 Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Sketteno is the former Karen Brown.

Maternal grandparents are Virginia and Augustus A. Brown of New Orleans.

Paternal grandparents are Sam and Judy Sketteno of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents are Vincent and Mary Conachetta Sketteno of Cefalu, Sicily.

## Tasselin honored

Some 150 students are newly inducted members in the Mississippi State University chapter of the nation's leading higher education honor society.

Phi Kappa Phi membership is open to seniors at the top of their class in all majors.

Graduate students, juniors and some sophomores whose scholastic achievements are at the very highest levels also are eligible.

Among those inducted was Sheryl J. Tasselin of Diamondhead, a senior biological engineering major.

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# New Year's Wishes

Local residents, city officials share their hopes, dreams for a new year

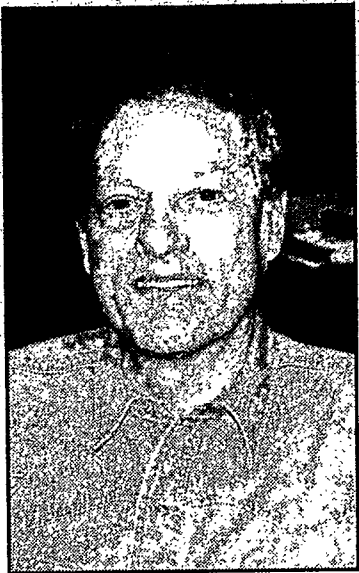
BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

It's a brand new year and time to look forward to the future once again with renewed hope and a promise for better tomorrows. Forgive, forget and vow to do better. A few locals shared their hopes for the new year.



"My wish for the new year is peace on earth and good will to men ... my daily prayer is for God to grant me peace of mind and to the world, peace."

Ethel Gladney,  
Waveland Deputy  
Court Clerk



"What I hope for would be a world of peace-especially as it relates to the activity in the middle east ... this is foremost on my mind ... that it be resolved without war or conflict."

Hal Walters,  
Director of the Hancock  
County Port and Harbor  
Commission



"I wish for a healthy, blessed and fulfilling new year for my family. I also hope to be able to go fishing with my son whenever he wants me to go."

Tommy Longo,  
Mayor of Waveland



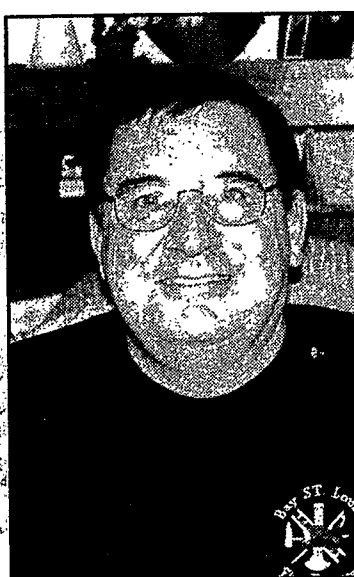
"I hope to be able to quit smoking, again, and start walking."

Eddie Favre,  
Mayor of Bay St. Louis



"I wish that I could hurry up and sell my business and take off for parts unknown ... I'd love to do some traveling and see other places in the world."

Gert Toomey,  
Owner of Toomey's Service  
Station in Waveland



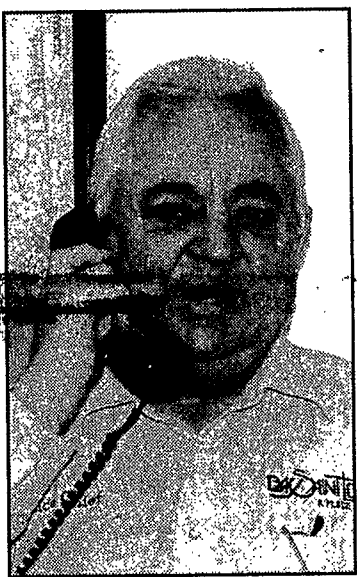
"I wish for 2003 to be an even better year than 2002 for fire safety. I also want to try again with last year's resolutions to be more tolerant and to lose weight."

Bobby Gavagnie  
Fire Chief,  
Bay St. Louis



"I am looking forward to the new year and to my son's graduation from high school and to this year being better than last year. I hope the Lord continues to provide strength to continue serving the citizens of Waveland."

David Garcia, Fire Chief,  
Waveland



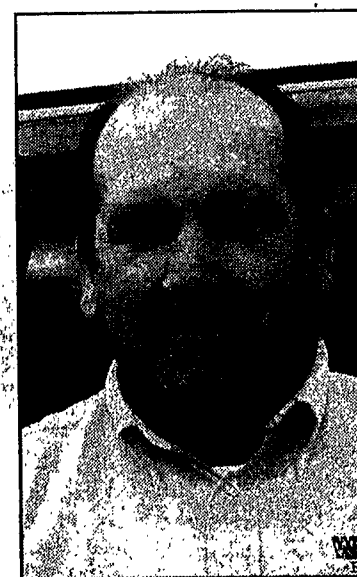
"I look forward to the completion of the renovation of the police and fire department complex ... it will be a boost to the morale of the employees. I also look forward to watching my two grandchildren grow."

Frank McNeil, Police Chief,  
Bay St. Louis



"I want to see the spay and neuter clinic finished and up and running this year so I can be out of an job (of picking up unwanted animals.)"

Talmadge Conway Jr.,  
Animal Control Officer



"I want to live a healthier lifestyle and do what I can to further enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Waveland."

Mike Smith,  
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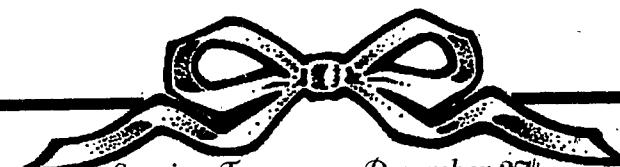
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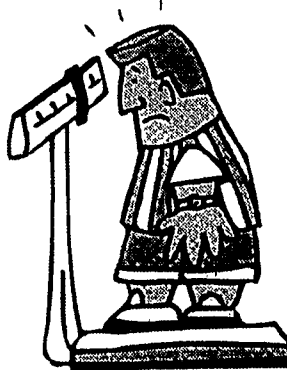
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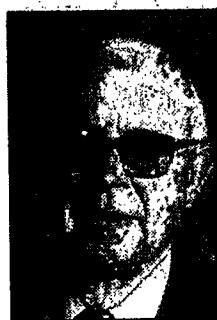
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# OPINION

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

This is the time of year when folks make New Year's resolutions, and most are broken a few days following the first of January.

My resolution will be to lose weight, especially around the waistline. It seems all of my trouser waist sizes are shrinking!

Hopefully I will be able to lose an inch or two around the waist. One of my problems is that I like to eat too much.

Of course, the holiday season is one that really takes its toll on folks like myself who like good food.

We can still talk about the weather, yet there is nothing we can do about it.

On Christmas eve our temperatures were very close to 80 degrees, and on Christmas morning there was a drop to the 30s. This was a 40-degree drop in temperature from an afternoon to the next morning.

It has been a long time since I can remember such a sudden drop in temperature.

The Christmas holidays sure brought some severe weather to a large portion of the country.

We think it is cold when we have temperatures of 30 to 35 degrees. Those who had to travel through the blizzards over the Christmas holidays would have liked temperatures of 30 degrees.

For sure, I would not like to have to clear my driveway when it has some two feet or more of snow and ice.

I guess that is one of the reasons I like living in South Mississippi.

As we move into 2003, one of my big wishes is that there will be more folks who begin to take pride in our community.

True, there are now more concerned citizens than ever before, but there are many more needed.

Our community, for all of my life, has been plagued with litter.

A few individuals can really make a difference. Just think about what a crowd of folks can do.

As I drive about the county, it does me good to see folks trying to make us look better.

Many collect litter on a daily basis during their morning or evening exercise time. They have bags of litter they collect along our roadways and beaches.

To me these folks are the ones who are really concerned and should be commended, each and every one of them.

The good feeling I received in the year 2002 was the fact that there were more folks concerned about appearances in Hancock County. Our fall cleanup had a record participation, and this was great.

For years the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce has been leading the way sponsoring at least two major cleanup efforts. One is in the spring prior to the annual Spring Pilgrimage, and the other on the third Saturday of September in conjunction with the International Cleanup.

Hopefully we will show the same increase in interest in 2003 and set more records during the special cleanup days.

Also needed is an increase on a regular basis of folks who are concerned about the appearance of their neighborhoods. There are more needed to help clean up their immediate areas.

If everyone would pitch in to help, Hancock County can reach a goal of becoming "Litter Free."

## Three issues await 2003 session: Budget, budget, budget

By JACK ELLIOTT JR.  
Associated Press Writer

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Economic ups and downs have played havoc with Mississippi legislative sessions over the past four decades. But nothing compares to what lawmakers face when the 2003 session convenes Jan. 7, they say.

"We're going to have to really look at programs and we're going to have to prioritize," said Rep. Joe Warren, D-Mount Olive, chairman of the House Education Committee.

Spending recommendations from the governor and the Legislature are only about 2 percent to 3 percent higher than the \$3.47 billion in revenues projected for the present fiscal year that began June 1.

The bulk of that \$104 million increase in revenue gets taken up by the third

year of the five-year teachers salary increase package at a cost of \$74 million; a full year of raises for senior and junior colleges, \$10.3 million; and a full year of higher pay for state employees, \$12.2 million.

"That's all we're going to be able to do," Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Jack Gordon, D-Okolona said. "Everything we do this time will be tied to dollars."

Gordon said revenue collections this year are trailing projects by \$50 million through November. He said any continued decline will impact how much money lawmakers can spend in fiscal 2004, which begins July 1.

Rep. George Flaggs, D-Vicksburg, describes the economic problems as a chance for an election-year Legislature to show some

restraint and make some challenging decisions.

"The budget will determine the policy of this state for next year," Flaggs said.

Warren said this is an opportune time to put education first although others may disagree.

Education programs from kindergarten to universities benefited this year from \$119 million lawmakers scrounged for idle funds elsewhere in state government, Warren said.

"We're not going to have that this year," Warren said. "It's going to take some creative thinking."

"It'll be interesting. It won't be boring," Warren said of the upcoming session.

House Speaker Tom Ford said the situation is simply bad. Ford announced this week that he won't seek reelection next year ending

six terms in the House and four terms as House leader. Ford said budget considerations will dominate the Legislature's work.

"You're not going to see any new initiatives or new proposals. You're not going to see anything but us trying to patch the budget and make it another year," Ford said.

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee spending plan reflects only a \$1.2 million increase in general fund money between fiscal years 2003 and 2004, Ford said.

Ford said lawmakers have got to shore up a Medicaid program, restructured a year ago with a reduction in some benefits as a cost savings.

The Department of Human Services has said it needs a \$19 million deficit appropriation and more money next year. DHS officials say the \$19.8 million shortfall threatens the agency's ability to operate by the end of February or mid-March.

Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck said the commitment to teachers for higher salaries will be kept. Tuck said lawmakers also must commit to making other needs in education, health care and economic development on the front burner.

Tuck said Senate members may have other issues to raise during the session and those, too, will be considered.

Tuck wants the Legislature to take a more active posture in dealing with early childhood education. She said the JLBC has recommended \$1 million to determine what pre-kindergarten programs are needed in Mississippi.

"You can ask almost any first grade teacher and they can tell you after a brief time which child has had an early childhood education opportunity and which child has not," the lieutenant governor said.

Both the Musgrove and JLBC budgets propose diverting the \$102 million payment in December from the tobacco settlement to the treasury to maintain budgets in several agencies.

Musgrove has proposed using borrowing money through issuance of bonds to help agencies — a plan generally criticized by lawmakers.

What is missing from the debate is the mention of higher taxes.

Warren said he will again propose higher casinos taxes with funds earmarked for education. He is not hopeful.

"In an election year, it's always hard to get any kind of revenue enhancement passed," Warren said. "I've gone on record as saying even if it's just for some limited time maybe we ought to ask our casinos to pay a little more."

Ford said while other states are looking at small tax increases, the 2003 election year makes that unlikely in Mississippi.

"I think it might be time to look at a tobacco tax or something of that nature but I don't think it's going to get done during an election year," Ford said.

A coalition of health groups is proposing a 50-cent per pack increase in the cigarette with proceeds going to health care programs. A proposal failed in the 2002 session

## Letters to the Editor

### Sewer board member responds to allegations, explains procedures

To the citizens of Hancock County,

I think it's about time that I, a board member of the Hancock Water and Sewer Board, respond to Mr. Salisbury's dilemma.

First I would like to let the people of our county know that the HCWS district did not have Mr. Salisbury put in jail. He was put in jail by the judge for contempt of court for refusing to furnish financial information.

This information is needed to allow the HCWS district to collect the unpaid bills incurred by him. Mr. Salisbury felt he didn't owe these service bills, so he had his day in court and his frivolous excuses didn't impress the jury, so he lost.

He still refuses to pay or cooperate with the court. In this country when you refuse to obey a court order you usually wind up in jail, that's the system.

The HCWS district has maintained a \$35 monthly rate for residential service since it was created. This has been accomplished by searching out partial grants and low interest loans to complete projects for service areas and customers paying their monthly share.

This district operates on service fees collected; we are not subsidized by county or state taxes. Therefore, the projects have to support themselves. The customers of our district should know that there are new additional loans incurred by the Southern Regional treatment plant for the recent 11 million dollar upgrade.

The HCWS district will have to pay its prorated share. This is an additional \$20,000 per month starting this upcoming year, 2003.

A separate administrative cost for treatment of the sewerage has risen in the past three years from approximately \$3.50 per customer to \$9.50 per customer. These costs are expected to climb over the next five years to approximately \$16 per customer.

These costs will be associated with federally mandated upgrades to better treat the sewer. Our county has no choice in the matter. These additional costs will

put a financial burden on the district. The only hope we have of not raising the monthly fees is for everyone to hook up and everyone to pay their share.

Customers such as Mr. Salisbury who do not want to pay their bills will leave this district no choice but to raise the monthly fee.

I feel this is very unfair, because it will penalize the good customers only because Mr. Salisbury and his followers refuse to pay their portion of the service.

These individuals were figured in on the original projects and have been provided with \$1,500.00 worth of equipment for their sewer collection, plus the cost of the line to reach their homes.

When they don't pay, the district still has to pay their portion of the loans incurred. As for Mr. Salisbury's excuse that we have an ineffective treatment system, we send an average of 650 thousand gallons of raw sewerage for treatment to the plant every day.

I don't think that sounds ineffective to a reasonable person. Just think, if we had an ineffective sewer system

in place these 18 million gallons of raw sewerage every month would be on your land and surrounding ditches and waterways.

This could cause a potential health crisis that would surpass the plaques of the 1800's. Mr. Salisbury continues to disrupt our district meetings with his nonsense.

I have proposed to the board to consider allowing only those customers who have important issues to speak at our board meeting.

Please remember that it is mandated by law that we hold our meeting open to the public, but is not mandated by law that the public can speak.

This is a privilege granted to the public by the board in order to resolve important issues for individuals. I would like to take this opportunity to invite interested citizens of the county to attend our board meeting in order to educate themselves on the issues facing our district in the near future.

Sincerely,  
Herman Johnson  
Vice-chairman  
HCWS District

### Big pay raises make Waveland resident mad

Dear Editor,

I was and still am very disturbed by an article I read in a recent newspaper about the high raises our City of Waveland elected officials rewarded themselves.

I am at awe at the great increase in my father's taxes, which went from \$625 to a high of \$1,006 and now for these elected officials, which are supposed to be servants for the people, to grant themselves such high pay raises.

I've never heard of any place where neither the mayor has received an \$8,500 a year raise, nor the Board of Aldermen to receive a \$4,200 a year raise; last but not least a city clerk to receive a \$6,600 a year increase in pay. It appears to me we are the servants for them.

It is also stated that four years ago, Mayor Longo and most of the aldermen declined raises with the intent of easing the burden on the city's budget. Longo postponed his increase until 2000 when his salary rose to \$40,000. In my opinion, this group is making up for lost time.

Let me ask, "Who do you think you are fooling?" Some of us were born at night, but not last night. These are part-time jobs, and you are earning more money from us, the burdened taxpayers, than some people earn at a full-time job.

Just you remember election time will come around again, and believe me, we will not forget you.

Jerleen Thomas Nobles  
Waveland

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## 2003--city officials look ahead

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"Bay St. Louis is one of Mississippi's most beautiful cities and it is always my wish for the core of the community to be as beautiful as our environment," he said.

Economic development will be the 2003 priority for the city. It is essential for all energies be directed to increasing the city's sales tax receipts that are primarily responsible for the operations of the city.

The mayor said he and his staff are developing an aggressive strategy for business recruitment and retention. The city is most attractive to the small business entrepreneur, but our needs have become greater than their tax generation can provide. We need a couple of "big guys" so we are going out to find them, he said.

Public Works will be concentrating on catching up building maintenance that was put on the back burner during the capital improvements campaign. A big start has already been made with the new roof being installed on the main building of the VCJ complex. Interior remodeling and repairs will continue throughout the remainder of the fiscal year.

In addition the department will be working with Hancock County in the development of a storm water monitoring program.

Firemen will increase property inspections and in-house training programs always working towards being the "home of the silent siren." The department will be working closely with the business reten-

tion team insuring that existing businesses are adequately trained to protect their employees and property.

The department of Administration's primary project for 2003 will be upgrading voter registration rolls during off-election years in accordance with the changes that may be made as a result of the 2000 census. The department is always shopping for ways to stretch the city's dollars for maximum service and will be heavily involved in the business recruitment and retention campaign.

The police department will continue existing public service programs for 2003. The department is in the process of upgrading its information systems for organizational improvements in manpower and other resources.

"When we adopted our 2002/2003 budget we told the public it would be a very tight fiscal year and it will be," said Favre. "But the city has always been creative in addressing its challenges and 2003 will not be any different. We may even have a few rabbits out of our sleeves that will surprise the public and greatly benefit the community."

"We also hope for the great success of the Dixie Girls World Series and hope it leads to many more successful seasons."

Our best wishes for a safe, happy and prosperous holiday season to everyone.

## The Hancock County Board of Supervisors

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors list 20 goals and objectives for the coming year.

1. Hire an individual for Civil Defense Director and Fire Marshall to improve county fire insurance rating and to lower homeowners insurance.

2. Complete Courthouse renovations to provide handicap accessibility to the Courthouse.

3. Continue to work with Port and Harbor to bring new industry to the county.

4. Hire a Safety Coordinator to reduce accidents in the county work force and reduce workman's comp and insurance premiums.

5. Increase monitoring the spraying for mosquitoes throughout the county.

6. Continue to improve ambulance service throughout the county.

7. Reach a consensus on the direction of Southern Regional Wastewater Management District and move towards uplands spray irrigation in the Buffer Zone.

8. Work together for the betterment of the county as a whole and continue to lobby for Federal money to implement improvements.

9. Continue to improve roads and drainage in the county.

10. Continue to promote Stennis Sir Park.

11. Improve on the level

of services throughout the county without any tax increases for the residents.

12. Continue to improve recreation facilities such as ball parks, walking tracks, playgrounds, fishing piers, and boat ramps.

13. Lobby for Hwy. 607 and Interstate 1-10 Interchange to be illuminated.

14. See Hancock County Solid Waste Authority enter into a long term disposal contract for garbage.

15. Work had in hand with the Chamber of Commerce to increase litter control and beautification throughout the county, and to work towards eliminating illegal dumping in the county and the Buffer Zone.

16. See Hancock county Equine Facility become a showcase for the county.

17. Work closer with local and state legislators.

18. Continue to support the Corps of Engineers 592 Regional Wastewater Management District and the Gateway Program.

19. Continue to work closely with NASA officials at Stennis Space Center.

20. Make sure Hancock County is ready for the Homeland Defense Program in order to make sure we are prepared for possible terrorism threats.

And our best wishes to all for a prosperous and happy New Year.

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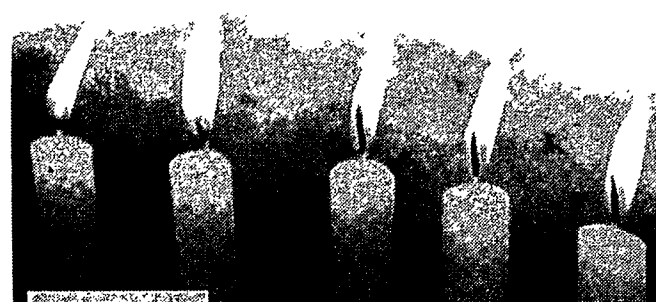
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## Tommy Longo, Waveland mayor

"I am anxiously anticipating the beginning of a new year with the support, new ideas and input of a new board of aldermen," said Longo. "Their excitement and desire to build consensus and make a positive difference in the city is invigorating and exciting."

Utility expansion and rehabilitation will continue with a new look and the updating of city wide plans. The Corps of Engineers are very excited about the first ever joint infrastructure project between the New Orleans and Mobile branches of the Corps and the city. Waveland has become a model for them and we have all worked closely together to make the project a reality, with the Corps lending their expertise for finding project funding.

The remodeling project on the old Waveland school will continue to unfold, as well as, work on the library expansion and long awaited renovations at City Hall. Funding sources have also been identified which will help spur projects for structural improvements to the court facility, fire stations and public works facilities to better serve the community. Work at the animal shelter will also continue, with a spay-neuter clinic opening this year.

Flood plain management projects will be ongoing with new projects and funding being identified and coordinated between the city, FEMA and engineers who will be working to find new ways to protect property in the city from repeated flooding during storms.

Our great relationship with the Mississippi Development Authority will continue to grow and we will use their expertise and

funding opportunities for economic development to make a positive impact in our community.

We will continue to work closely with the Smart Growth, Greenways and Gateway Committees to address current and future needs for growth with a look to the future so that our community will remain as beautiful as it is today, with planned growth.

We will make beautification a priority. We will look to expand nature trails and sidewalk systems, requiring developers to play an active role in addressing the needs of the community. We will work on expanding and improving our recreational facilities so that they may be enjoyed by citizens of all ages from children to seniors.

The police department and court system will be working to develop new programs which will benefit the community and that will address specific problems and concerns of each neighborhood.

As always, we will strive to continue to offer increased training and certification programs to all city employees and yearly pay increases which we believe allows us to keep quality and dedicated employees.

"I am very excited about the coming year and look forward to the continued support I have received from both individuals and organizations throughout the community," said Longo. "And as always, I encourage the citizens of Waveland to become involved in their city and look forward to hearing your ideas for improvements. Our best wishes to all for the New Year."

## PUBLIC NOTICE

HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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Regular Monthly Meeting for January 2003  
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## America comes to Casino Magic BSL to kick off 2003 entertainment



America will perform at Casino Magic Jan. 10 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$9.95, \$14.95 and \$19.95. For tickets, call (800) 5-MAGIC-5 or any Ticketmaster location.

America will bring 30 years of musical expertise to the stage at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday, Jan. 10, at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$9.95, \$14.95 and \$19.95 and are available at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling (800) 5-MAGIC-5 or at any Ticketmaster location.

The world discovered America in 1972, when a nameless horse began its gallop across the international airwaves. "A Horse With No Name" made the band called America famous in the United States, Europe and beyond, leading the way for an impressive string of hits to follow, including "Tin Man," and "Sister Golden Hair."

Slightly more than a year after launching their group, America, consisting then of members Gerry Beckley, Dewey Bunnell and Dan Peek, was riding high thanks to a sound that mixed rock, pop and folk elements to instantly appealing effect. America's albums, six of them certified gold and/or platinum, with their first greatest hits collection, "History," reaching the four-million sales mark, displayed

a fuller range of the group's talents than did their singles. From effects-laden rockers to oddball medleys and soul-bearing ballads, their reach was wide and ambitious.

The singer/songwriter/guitarists found success young, even by the standards of rock artists of the early '70s. Personal hassles and a rigorous touring/recording schedule caught up with the band in the middle of that decade.

When Peek left the group in 1977, his band mates rose to the challenge of carrying on as a duo. Shifts in sound, changes in producers and managers and a renewed dedication to the craft of songwriting came in the '80s.

In many ways Beckley and Bunnell came into their own as mature artists during this time. And their growth has continued into the present day with such impressive releases as 1998's "Human Nature," and their box set, "Highway," released in 2000, captured the highlights of where their music has carried them and chronicled the changes they've gone through both artistically and personally.

And, as ever, the touring continues with the duo now doing some of their best touring in over a decade. It's been a long ride indeed for these two old friends; from anonymous horses to fast-moving trains, the music has never stopped for America.

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### Something's Fishy All Day

Ink a fish to create "Gyotaku," a Japanese fish print. Artists Studio.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 18 Lil' Gardens for Lil' Gardeners, 1-3 pm

No room for a garden? No problem! Learn to plant a mini garden with Chris and create one of his unique containers at home.

### Swim-Me, Swim-U? - All Day

Join our school of fish in a corner of the sea where we paint using "swimming pose" stamps. Artists Studio.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 18 & 25

**Dill-icious Vinegars - 10 am-12 pm & 1-2 pm**

Make yummy herbal vinegars with Sam the Science Man.

### Winter Plantin' Party 2 & 3 pm

Time to plant some LMDC fruit trees.

### SATURDAY JAN. 25 & FEB. 1

It's a real life adventure with Paul Nettles. Open to 5th and 6th graders, this adventure learning program will let you enjoy the outdoors as you work with your teammates to conquer all obstacles. Pre-registration is required. Space limited to 15.

### Horn Island Adventures - All Day

Wildlife and fish of Horn Island seen through the eyes of the local artist Walter Anderson. Artists Studio.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 1 Horn Rimmed Glasses All Day

You'll see things in a whole new way when you design some horn rimmed owl glasses. It'll be a hoot.

### SATURDAYS FEB. 1 & 8 Garden "News"

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### SATURDAY, FEB. 8

#### Yoga's Not For Breakfast

1 and 2 pm

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### Crane Creations All Day

Why does that beautiful bird have a red patch and those long legs? Find out as we paint wetland birds. Artists Studio.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 15

#### Buggy, Crawly, Yummy, Tummy Food

1 pm

Enjoy hands-on fun as Nancy Freeman teaches an eco-friendly cooking lesson.

### Take Flight - All Day

Soar with us as we discover the favorite birds of Walter Anderson. Artists Studio.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 22

#### Purple Pelicans Pop - All Day

The pop art of Andy Warhol comes alive as the brown pelican goes technicolor. Artists Studio.

### Hoola Hoop Nature Hunt

11 am, 1 pm & 3 pm

Join Sam the Science Man on an outdoor seek and find.

## 'Dreams' comes to Beau

Celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse and his wife will be the special guests for the Jan. 4 event

"Dreams - A Celebration of Generations" will be presented by the Beau Rivage Resort and the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, benefiting WINGS Performing Arts, on Saturday, Jan. 4, 7 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Theatre.

Special guests are Alden and Emeril Lagasse who are the National Capitol Campaign co-chairs for the new Wings Performing Arts & Education Center for Children, which is the first one in Mississippi.

More than 200 perform-

ers will grace the stage for the event including famed performer and director David Delk and veteran singer and actor Bobby Steele.

General admission tickets are \$20. Limited tickets for a pro-show reception with the Alden and Emeril Lagasses are \$125 each and include hours d'ouevres, cocktails and floor seating for the performance.

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## Review--2002 in retrospect

Andy J. Ervin, alias William Daryl Kent Jr., unsuccessfully attempted to enter one vehicle and then took control of a visitor's pickup truck after overpowering an officer and taking his gun. A bullet grazed Ervin's head after police fired shots at him. He was treated at the center and sent back to jail.

A few days after the shots rang out, the Stennis International Airport served as a temporary Mecca for the rich and famous.

Celebrities like singer Mariah Carey, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and former Washington Redskins quarterback Joe Montana flew into the airport on their way to the Superbowl in New Orleans.

The airport actually provided a quicker trip to the dome than from the New Orleans airport.

In the spring, another famous man made an appearance in the county. Astronaut Fred Haise helped celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the famous Apollo 13 mission at Stennis Space Center.

Haise's space suit from that mission became part of a permanent exhibit in the StennisSpace visitor center.

By late April, the celebrity visits ceased and a protest in Delisle began.

Dozens of concerned Delisle-area residents, who formed the environmental action group Mississippi Environmental Recovery Alliance (MERA), held a protest against what they claimed were toxins being released from the DuPont Delisle Plant.

The plant held an open house to improve community relations and got an earful from local residents.

Kathleen Smiley, an attorney representing almost 2,000 area residents at that time in a \$3 billion lawsuit against the plant and the Mississippi department of Environmental Quality, also attended the march. MERA's mission was responsibility and accountability for disposal practices of industrial waste, both in the past and in the present.

While residents were recognizing problems in their area, the entire Coast recognized a Bay St. Louis police detective as the Coast Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Detective Don Watson was honored as the "top cop" at the 20th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by the Coast Crime Commission at Treasure Bay Casino in Biloxi. Watson received the honor after being named Coast Crime Commission Law Enforcement Officer of the Quarter in 2001 for risking his life to help stop a man who had barricaded himself in his

home after he had killed a man.

As summer approached, a much-needed \$1.3 million renovation project began on the Hancock County Courthouse.

Some of the work to be done included electrical, air conditioning, and heating duct work and installation of an elevator, a sprinkler system and more parking spaces. Plans also included handicapped accessibility in all of the courthouse's offices, bathrooms, entrances and exits. The work is expected to be completed in spring 2003.

With renovations only a month underway, county residents experienced the threat

lion Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School and Special Boat Unit 22 training facility, a \$30 million Lockheed Martin Mississippi Space and Technology Center and a \$6.5 million expansion of the Naval Oceanographic Office's Warfighting Support Center.

Lockheed Martin promised to create approximately 270 jobs in the future.

In September, people set aside their feelings about taxes and jobs and gathered together to remember the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Local police and fire departments, schools and other organizations held events to honor the victims and heroes who lost their lives in the 2001 tragedy.

A little more than two weeks later, people from Pearlington to Pass Christian pulled together once again as two back-to-back storms hit the Coast.

Tropical Storm Isidore hit first, causing floods and major damage to fishing piers and homes in the area. Isidore wrecked havoc on Pass Christian's newly completed \$86,000 extension to a fishing pier, ripping up all the decking and leaving only roofs and piers. Waveland's municipal pier and the American Legion Monument also suffered extensive damage.

Residents had little time to recuperate after Isidore's destruction with Hurricane Lili sweeping over the Coast about a week later.

Some of the worst hit areas after Lili were Shoreline Park, Garden Isle, Bayou Phillips, Herron Bay and Pearlington.

With hundreds of homes and other property flooded and damaged, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency arrived to lend a helping hand.

Bits of bad news continued to make headlines in October with the derailment of a train and the death of a famous part-time Bay St. Louis resident.

On Oct. 5, 24 of a train's 102 cars left the tracks about halfway between Nicholson and Coleman avenues in Waveland. The accident damaged more than 900 feet of rail, and landed one railroad car on Central Avenue knocking down a power pole and cutting electricity to several homes in the area.

On Oct. 13, historian and author Stephen Ambrose died at age 66 in Bay St. Louis after a six-month battle with lung cancer.

Ambrose became well-known after he made the best-seller list with his 1994 book "D-Day June 6, 1944: The Climatic Battle of World War

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II." With numerous books under his belt, Ambrose also served as a consultant for Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" and the World War II documentary "Price for Peace." His best-selling book, "Band of Brothers," was made into a cable miniseries.

Ambrose, whose death made headlines across the country, was buried the Wednesday following his death in Bay St. Louis.

By the end of the year, the talk of taxes and train wrecks had settled down.

The Waveland elections, however, stirred up more talk with its uncanny ties and strenuous campaigns. In the end, the city kept its current mayor, Tommy Longo, and Ward 2 alderman, Ricky Geoffrey. The new aldermen included Keith Mitchell, Ward 1; Brian Schmitt, Ward 3; and Santo Saucier Jr., Ward 4.

Talk of the elections has since died down with the rest of 2002 events, and local residents now face a new year of memories and headlines.



Famous historian and author Stephen Ambrose died at age 66 on Oct. 13 in Bay St. Louis.

of a dangerous virus. Animal health officials announced Hancock County among several Mississippi counties with confirmed cases of West Nile Virus in horses.

A horse in Kiln was one of the first to be confirmed with the virus.

In late July, residents received another scare. This time they feared increased property taxes rather than a virus.

Many Hancock County property owners saw increases up to 25 percent over values in 2001 after "yearly updates" were conducted.

"Most folks who are seeing a big jump in the value of their property are just being brought up to fair value," said Jimmie Ladner, tax assessor collector. "We are correcting values that may have not been appraised correctly in some past years, and some people will see quite a jump in value."

With residents still fuming over increased property taxes, John C. Stennis Space Center unveiled three new facilities valued at \$62 million with U.S. Sen. Trent Lott, Gov. Ronnie Musgrove and NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe participating in the special event.

The new state-of-the-art facilities included a \$26 mil-

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## Sales

"I have absolutely no complaints," Howard said. "We did better than last year across the board, with a lot of high ticket items selling the last two or three days before Christmas. We are very pleased with the support our customers have given us ... I think they are responding to the new look and the new management."

Gregory Strickland, owner of Bayou Jewelers in Waveland was not nearly as enthusiastic as Howard, and understandably so.

"We did about 20 percent below what we did last year," said Strickland. "It's getting hard for a mom and pop business to make it ... we didn't sell any big ticket items. I think the economy is weak because of the threat of war and the stock market troubles. Now that Christmas is over we are getting in jewelry to repair or re-size ... things bought somewhere else."

Elsewhere in Waveland, That Cute Little Shop's owner, Kathy Pinn, reported a brisk business.

"Business was terrific for us," Pinn said. "A super Christmas, better than last year. We sold a variety of items, but did not do as well selling actual Christmas related items. It was heartwarming to see the support we got from the community."

Catherine Dotson, owner of the Image Company in Bay St. Louis said that her sales were lower than last year and the year before.

"We did sell a lot more gift certificates to men for their wives or girlfriends," said Dotson. "About twice as many as we did last year and we sold a lot of cocktail dresses during the whole month of December for holiday parties."

Xtreme Sports in their new location in Waveland did pretty well this season, but not quite as well as expected, said manager Jack Brehmer.

"We had pretty strong sales on our roller blades and skateboards early on," said Brehmer. "But our clothing really didn't start selling until the after Christmas sales

began. It probable has something to do with us moving to a new location recently."

In Old Town Bay St. Louis two businesses, Etc. Etc. and the Bay Gourmet business was good, but still did not equal last year's sales.

"But business was wonderful," said employee Anne Keaney. "Maybe not quite as good as last year, but very good. There was a lot of last minute sales ... it was like everyone waited till the last minute to go crazy with shopping."

Employee Katherine Case at the Bay gourmet said sales went very well this year. Especially a line of Stonewall jams and a line of Bloody Mary mixes, Case said.

"We sent them all over by mail order," she said.

The other big retailer in town, Walmart, broke even this season.

"We had tremendous sales the week of Christmas," assistant manager Daniel Frierson said. "But we were down for the rest of the month so it probably broke even."

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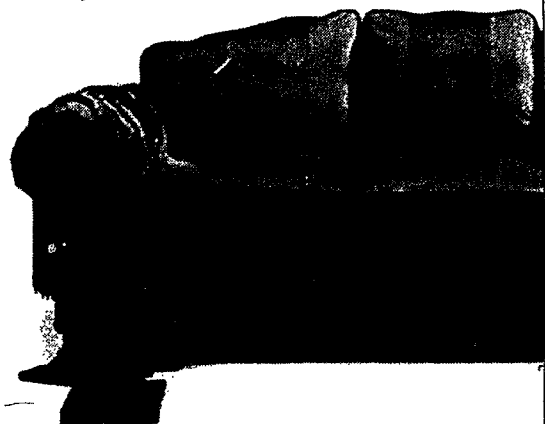
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## Twiggs, Jones plan February 8 wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Twiggs of New Orleans announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, U'Nita Synne-Claire Twiggs, to Ensign Nicholas P. Jones, son of Mr. Homer Jones of Killeen, Texas, and Mrs. Diane Clark of Thurso, Scotland.

The bride-elect is an Our Lady Academy and Loyola University of New Orleans graduate. She is employed with Loyola University Office of Admissions.

The prospective groom is a graduate of London Central High School, England, and a cum laude graduate of Tulane University. He is a U.S. Naval Officer aboard the USS Stephen W. Groves.

The marriage will take place Feb. 8, 2003 at 1 p.m. in St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

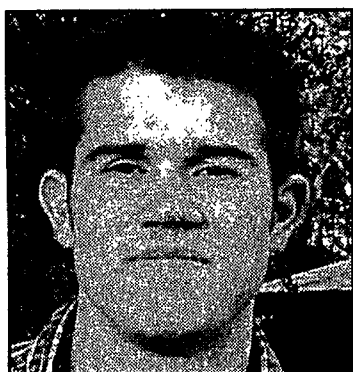
## Rose named Kappa Sigma president at USM

Jeffery Burns Rose, son of Jeffery P. Rose of Bay St. Louis, will be leading his fraternity in the 2003 and 2004 school year.

He is a senior marketing major who has had many accomplishments at USM.

Dec. 7 he competed in the National Greek Golf Tournament with fellow native Taylor LaFontaine.

They won the regional tournament in Hattiesburg Nov. 15 and recently represented the University of Southern Mississippi in Las Vegas.



Jeffery Rose

Rose will be doing British studies leaving July 5 to travel to London to study overseas.

## Lagaase featured at Lynn Meadows

Join the Lagasse Line-up as children make chef hats for the Kitchen Kan Parade to welcome Alden & Emeril Lagasse to the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center on Saturday, January 4, 2:00-4:00.

The Lagasses are kicking-off the capital campaign for the new WINGS Performing Arts & Education Center for Youth,

the first of its kind in the state. Alden Lagasse grew up on the Gulf Coast and was a good friend of Lynn Meadows. The ceremony starts at 2:30 with special guest Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

The event is free with \$6.00 admission or membership. For more information call 897-6039.

## Clermont Harbor residents need to boil water

Local Environmental Solution Inc. issued a (Boil Water) Notice for people who live in Clermont Harbor subdivision in Hancock County.

The system lost pressure due to a broken pipe. Customers are advised to boil their water until future notice. Steve Jones, spokesperson for the water system, said this precautionary action is necessary because the system lost pressure.

When a distribution system loses pressure, contaminants can siphon back into the system.

Public health officials consider any system that has lost pressure contaminated until test of the water proves otherwise.

As soon as pressure is restored to those customers affected, water system officials will begin collecting water samples for testing.

When pressure is restored, officials recommend that consumers vigorously boil for one minute any water to be consumed. Users will be notified when tests show the water is safe.

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## SPORTS

## Bay to host 2003 Dixie Girls Fast Pitch Ponytail World Series August 1-8

Bay Saint Louis has been selected as the site for the 2003 Ponytail Division World Series by Dixie Girls Fast Pitch Softball, Inc. Tournament dates are August 1-8 at the Bay Saint Louis' Athletic Drive Sports Complex.

Twelve teams of the best 11-12-year-olds female fast pitch softball players from 12 southeastern states will arrive for tournament play.

"The World Series will benefit Hancock County's economy from north to south, east to west. The players and their followers will stay in our county while playing softball at the Bay Saint Louis fields," said Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre.

Trusville, Ala., the 2002 Ponytail Division host city hosted about 800 players, coaches and followers for the seven-day, twenty four game event.

"We expect our numbers to be double because of our resort atmosphere and amenities," the Mayor said.

Bay Saint Louis is the

## Gulf Islands to hold meetings on PWC

Gulf Islands National Seashore Superintendent Jerry Eubanks announced that public scoping meetings are tentatively scheduled for the last week of January to consider the use of personal watercraft (PWC) within park boundaries.

PWC use was banned in the park in April, 2002 and the Seashore remains closed to PWC use in accordance with the national final rule until such time as a determination is made whether a special regulation to allow some level of use is appropriate.

Open-house public scoping meetings are planned at the Headquarters of the Seashore in Gulf Breeze, Florida and at the Mississippi District Headquarters in Ocean Springs, Miss.

Detailed information will be publicized as soon as final arrangements are made.



## Planning

Mayor Eddie Favre and Bay Public Works Director Ron Vanney examine Athletic Complex plans to determine new additions needed to host World Series.

first Mississippi site awarded a girls' division world series since the organization's beginning in 1975. It is also the first waterfront city to be selected.

Bay St. Louis joined the organization in 1999 to expand girls' play to more age groups and to offer better scholarship opportunities to the 17-18-year-old players.

Girls from throughout Hancock County play in this league.

Favre continued, "Bay Saint Louis got its feet wet holding the Dixie Girls State Tournament in 2002, and this hard work, our playing accommodations and scenic area gave us the heads up for World Series selection. It will take a con-

certed, combined effort for all of us to reach the maximum social and financial benefits this tournament will offer Hancock County and Mississippi."

"This is another great opportunity for all of Hancock County to work together - government business and residents - to advertise our assets and enjoy increased income in a slumping economy. We're looking forward to the girls of summer playing on our Field of Dreams."

Mayor Favre also announced Lonnie Falgout's appointment as volunteer tournament coordinator. The executive board and event committee appointments will be announced at a later date.

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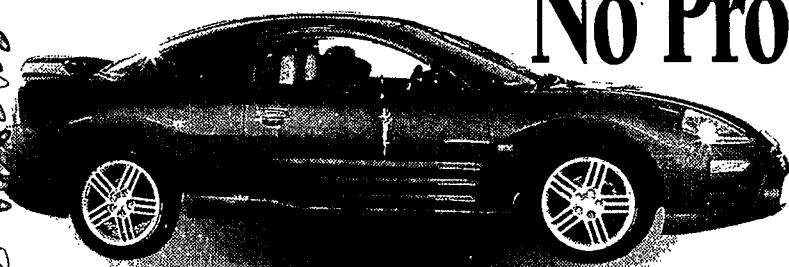
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# Obituaries

**CHRISTINE ALLEN**  
**H. ALTERGOTT JR.**  
**SARA EBRITE**  
**J. FILLINGAME JR.**  
**J. HAUERSPERGER**  
**SHIRLEY HUDSON**  
**ZACHARY KOHLMAN**  
**ALAILNE MANKOPF**  
**SANDRA OGLESBY**  
**EVELYN OLLER**  
**FRANK C. PIERSON**  
**ALLAN SARRAT**  
**EFFIE SAYRS**  
**LAURA SELLE**  
**DAVID SETTLE**  
**H. ZIEGLER**

**CHRISTINE ALLEN**  
 Christine Allen, 90, of Hattiesburg, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, in Kiln.

Services are pending with Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

**HENRY ALTERGOTT JR.**  
 Henry Altergott Jr., 77, died Friday, December 27, 2002 in Carriere, MS.

Mr. Altergott was a native of Milwaukee, Wis., and he was a self-employed plumber.

Survivors include his wife, Clara Bell Altergott of Kiln; a son, Mark Altergott of Littlechute, Wis.; a daughter, Marlene Ladner of Kiln; two brothers, Harvey Altergott of Vienna, Md., and Harry Altergott of Appleton, Wis.; a sister, Helene Hover of Minneapolis, Minn.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date. Picayune Funeral Home, Picayune, MS., is in charge of arrangements.

**SARA EBRITE**  
 Sara Lynn Ebrite, 46, of Vancouver, Wash., died December 10, in Vancouver.

Mrs. Ebrite was born December 6, 1956, in Pittsfield, Mass., and was graduated from high school in Schenectady, New York. She was a longtime resident of Pass Christian, attended the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, and was employed by Mobil Medic Ambulance Service as a paramedic. She enjoyed all her associations with the medical field and received her Licensed Practical Nurse degree in Southern California.

Survivors include her parents, Beverly and Scott Ebrite of Pass Christian; two brothers, Richard P. Ebrite of Pass Christian and Scott Ebrite of Diamondhead; two sisters, Susan Ebrite of Vancouver, Wash., and Elizabeth Ayer and husband, Terry, of Grand Junction, Colorado; and a niece, April Ebrite of Bakersfield, Calif.

She was a member of Pineville Presbyterian Church on Menge Avenue in Pass Christian where a memorial service was conducted Saturday.

Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue, Gulfport, is in charge of arrangements.



**JAMES FILLINGAME JR.**  
 James Andrew Fillingame, Jr., 82, of Bay St. Louis, MS died Friday, December 27, 2002. He was born in Gulfport, MS, Sept. 13, 1920 and lived in Bay St. Louis since 1949.

He was a member of First

Baptist Church on Main Street for over fifty years where he served as Life Deacon and Trustee. In the early years he served as Boy Scout Master for the church troop and he served for many years as a Sunday School teacher. He helped establish Bayside Baptist Church and was volunteer missionary for a number of years in the U.S., Peru, Africa and Honduras.

He served in the U.S. Navy Seabees during World War II as an Electrician's Mate First Class in the South Pacific and was commended for his participation in the capture of the Peleliu Islands.

He was a graduate of Mississippi State University and spent the first twenty-three years of his career as the Chief Electrical Engineer with Coast Electric Power Association in Hancock County. After a brief time at Ingalls Shipyard, his career took him to Glennallen, Alaska as manager of the Copper Valley Electric Association. He was instrumental in designing and implementing plans for the hydroelectric dam in Valdez, AK that today provides electricity for rural southwestern Alaska. He retired back to Bay St. Louis in 1984.

His civic affiliations include the Masons, Civitans, Lions Club and American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Andrew Fillingame, Sr., his mother, Lucretia Walker Fillingame Dodge, and two brothers, Orville Fillingame and Gary Fillingame.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Mae Fortner Fillingame of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Sandra and her husband Denis Wolf of Houston, TX; sons, Drew Fillingame and his wife Sherry of Denham Springs, LA, Wayne Fillingame and his wife Lynn of Bay St. Louis, MS, Les Fillingame and his wife Barbara of Bay St. Louis, MS, Richard Fillingame and his wife Tammie of Long Beach, MS; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Sunday, Dec. 29, at 6 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Dec. 30 at 11 a.m. with a visitation 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

Burial will be in Evergreen Gardens Cemetery in Gulfport, MS.

The family prefers memorials to First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis, MS, Building Fund, Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**JOAN HAUERSPERGER**  
 Joan C. Benoit Hauersperger, 57, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, December 26, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Hauersperger was a native of Kankakee, IL, and was a Mississippi Gulf Coast resident for five years. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Hauersperger was preceded in death by her parents, Albert Benoit Jr., and Faith M. Gereaux Benoit; a son, Heath L. Hauersperger; and her grandparents, Leonard and Alice Gereaux.

Survivors include her husband, George L. Hauersperger of Pass Christian; a daughter, Victoria Jo Hauersperger of Virginia Beach, Va.; broth-

ers, Jo, Dee Benoit of Kankakee, IL; Greg Benoit of East Lyme, CT; and Richard Benoit of Kansas City, KS; and a sister, Vicky Prater of Woodstock, GA.

Private services will be conducted at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to MHG Hospice, P.O. Box 1810, Gulfport, MS 39502.

Riemann Funeral Home, Pass Christian is in charge of arrangements.

**SHIRLEY HUDSON**  
 Shirley Fay Green Hudson, 58, Lakeshore, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Hudson was retired from National Supermarket Deli. She was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Lakeshore.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Green Sr. and Emelda Lafontaine Green; her husband, William Hudson, and her brother, Floyd Green Jr.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Hudson of Lakeshore and David Hudson of Kiln; two daughters, Emelda Miles of Ansley and Lynn Lafontaine of Lakeshore; and six grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis and again Saturday at St. John Catholic Church in Lakeshore. Services were conducted Saturday at the church. Burial was in St. John Cemetery.

**ZACHARY KOHLMAN**  
 Zachary Dean Kohlman, 44, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Kohlman was a native of Huron, S.D. and spent the previous years of his life in New Orleans and Tulsa, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Donna D. Kohlman.

Survivors include his wife, Anna, and two sons, Matthew and Zachary Jr.; his father, Dale W. Kohlman; brothers Paul W. and Keith Kohlman and two sisters, Dee Ann Dunne and Kathleen K. Sherry.

Mr. Kohlman was cremated, and private family services will be conducted at a future date. Interment will be in Apache, Okla.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**ALAILNE MANKOPF**  
 Alailne Mankopf, age unavailable, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, in Fort Meyers, Fla.

Services are pending with Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.



**SANDRA OGLESBY**  
 Sandra Oglesby, 54, of Diamondhead, MS died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Oglesby was a native of Upson, GA and resident of Diamondhead.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earnest and Mary Teal Sunday.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Oglesby of Diamondhead, MS; four sons, Michael Oglesby of

Pass Christian, MS, Bobby Oglesby, Jr. of Bay St. Louis, Tyrone and Timothy Rowell, both of Thomaston, GA; a daughter, Mary Layer of Diamondhead, MS; four brothers, Ray Sunday of Bay St. Louis, MS, Danny Sunday of Kenner, LA, Mike Valentine of Lucedale, MS, Tummie Sunday of Macon, GA; five sisters, Jenny Guillet of Pensacola, FL, Patsy Valentine of Lucedale, MS, Shelia Fowler of Thomaston, GA, Connie Dotsun of Lucedale, MS, and Delores Dotsun of Thomaston, GA; and eight grandchildren.

A graveside Service will be held Monday, December 30 at 11:30 a.m. at Rotten Bayou Cemetery, Kiln, MS, followed by interment in Rotten Bayou Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**EVELYN OLLER**  
 Evelyn Oller, age unavailable, of Springfield, Ill., died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, in Kiln.

Services are pending with Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mrs. Oller will be transferred back to Ellinger Kanz Davis Funeral Home in Springfield, Ill.

**FRANK C. PIERSON**  
 Frank C. "Chris" Pierson, 46, of Long Beach, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Pierson was born in Gulfport and attended Long Beach schools. He was a bricklayer for 25 years and was a self-employed contractor for Mandal Roofing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Pierson, Jr., and two brothers, Timothy "Tim" Pierson, and Johnny "Rabbit" Pierson.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy M. Pierson of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; a son, Frank C. "Frankie" Pierson; his mother, Audrey L. Pierson; a brother, Danny Pierson, all of Long Beach; and four sisters, Judy Long, Joanie Barker, both of Long Beach; Donna Stokes, of Atlanta; and Gail Mitchell, of Bay St. Louis.

Visitation was Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home in Long Beach followed by services in the funeral home chapel and burial in Long Beach City Cemetery.

**ALLAN SARRAT**  
 Allan J. Sarat, 78, formerly of Bay St. Louis and a resident of Houma, La., died Dec. 23, 2002 at his son's home in Perry, Ga.

Mr. Sarat was a World War II Air Corps veteran and vice president of sales at Industrial Enameling.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn LeBoeuf Sarat; and a son, Allan Jr. Sarat J. of Perry; three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Private services were conducted at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Watson-Hunt Funeral Home in Perry was in charge of arrangements.

**EFFIE SAYRS**  
 Effie Ellen Sayrs, 90, of Diamondhead, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Sayrs was a native of Dayton, Ohio and Stafford, Va. She was a resident of Diamondhead for the past two months.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Ila Isphording; and husband, Donovan L. Sayrs.

Survivors include two daughters, Lucinda Sayrs of Diamondhead and Sarah

Nonnemcher of Lititz, Pa.; and two sisters, Dorothy Varelmann of Fredricksburg, Va. and Beverly Johnson of Bay St. Louis.

Services will be held at a later date in Stafford, Va.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**LAURA SELLE**  
 Laura Diane Carpenter Selle, 55, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Selle was a native of Garland, Ala. and was a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Laura Carpenter; and a sister, Lois C. Osterholm.

Survivors include a son, Alfred J. Selle Jr.; two daughters, Shelly Selle Reed and Laura Selle Mauffray; and two brothers, David Carpenter Jr. and Brian Carpenter, all of Bay St. Louis; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by celebration of a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis and a graveside service in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society.

**DAVID SETTLE**  
 David Lee Settle, 73, of Kiln, died Sunday, December 22, 2002, in Kerrville, Texas.

Born in Anderson, Indiana on June 12, 1929, Mr. Settle was a decorated high school and college athlete; a graduate from the University of Michigan; and an avid golfer, fisherman and music lover. Mr. Settle distinguished himself during his 35 year career with the DuPont corporation.

Mr. Settle is survived by his wife, Therese Elmer Settle of Kiln; his brother, John Settle of Fenton, Michigan; his children, Linda Speck, Phil Settle, Scott Settle; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Private family services were held in Kerrville on Dec. 24. Memorials may be sent to the foundations and charities of one's choice in Mr. Settle's name.

The family invites you to send condolences at [www.grimesfuneralchapel.com](http://www.grimesfuneralchapel.com) by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

**HAMILTON ZIEGLER**  
 Hamilton Bernard Ziegeler, 68, of Gulfport, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Ziegeler was born in New Orleans and moved to the Coast in 1975. He was a Catholic and was a veteran serving during the Korean conflict. He was employed at Stennis Space Center for 27 years with various contractors and retired from Mason Chamberlain Inc. in 1991 as a maintenance supervisor. He was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 676, DAV Chapter 5, and VFW Post 4526.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Virginia Dole Ziegeler; and his stepmother, Isabelle Ziegeler.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Tommie Carolyn Ziegeler of Gulfport; three sons, Wesley Bernard Ziegeler and wife Kathy of Waveland; David Berry Ziegeler of Gulfport; and John Alan Ziegeler and wife Heidi of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Sandra Kay Gutierrez and husband Diego of Bowie, Miss.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, Dec. 30, 6-8 p.m. at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, US-49 North in Gulfport.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in the National Cemetery in Biloxi.



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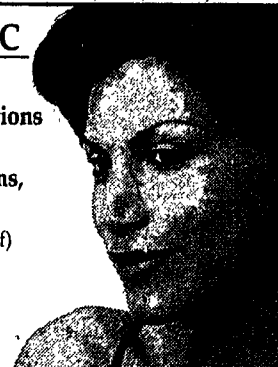
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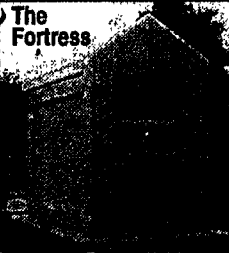
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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Louisiana seeks back taxes from Lake Charles casinos

**LAKE CHARLES (AP)** — The state of Louisiana is suing the Isle of Capri's two area casinos, alleging they owe nearly \$1 million in back taxes and interest dating to 1997.

The state claims that the Grand Palais Riverboat owes \$543,216 in back taxes and interest, and the Isle of Capri Riverboat owes \$362,802 in taxes and interest, for a total of \$906,018.

The lawsuits, filed in state district court on Dec. 16, state that the Isle of Capri was served a tax notice in the form of a "proposed assessment" on Feb. 1, 2002, that "the taxpayer has failed and refused to pay the assessment."

The alleged back-taxes stem from a complex lease

in which Isle of Capri participates in progressive jackpots, using machines owned by an out-of-state company.

The Isle leases the machines from Reno, Nev.-based International Gaming Technology (IGT), the largest designer and manufacturer of slot machines in the world.

IGT has no gambling license in Louisiana, so it has to run its progressive jackpots in Louisiana under the name of a licensed casino that leases its machines.

Someone has to pay taxes on those machines, and the state argues the casinos are responsible because it "operates and monitors the machines."

The Isle of Capri has not

filed a response with the court and did not immediately return a phone message left at its corporate offices in Biloxi, on Tuesday.

The Isle of Capri is only the latest casino to be sued by the state over back taxes.

Harrah's Lake Charles was sued Dec. 26, 2001, by the state over taxes allegedly not paid by Players International, which Harrah's bought out last year.

The Department of Revenue contended that Harrah's was responsible for \$4.7 million in general sales taxes and interest not paid by Players for the period of July 31, 1995, through Dec. 31, 1996.

## Kendricks named division manager

Clarksdale native and Hattiesburg resident Sam B. Kendricks will serve as Hancock Bank's new division manager for the company's Mississippi northern division, according to a recent announcement by Hancock's president and chief executive officer, George A. Schloegel.

Currently a senior vice president with the 103-year-old financial institution, Kendricks will oversee a network of Hancock full-service offices throughout the Pine Belt region, including Hattiesburg, Petal, Prentiss, Purvis, and Sumrall. He has over 21 years of experience in the financial services industry.

"We believe that the entire Hancock organization will continue to benefit from Sam Kendricks' knowledge

and expertise as he assumes his new responsibilities as Northern Division manager and helps strengthen Hancock's comprehensive array of financial services throughout our south central Mississippi market," said Schloegel.

A graduate of Clarksdale High School with a bachelor of business administration degree from The University of Mississippi, Kendricks served as chief credit officer for Lamar Bank before Lamar's July 2001 merger with Hancock Bank. He graduated from the prestigious Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University in 1994 and received accolades in 1995 as one of Mississippi Business Journal's "Top 40 Under 40" Mississippi business leaders. He is a past



**SAM B. KENDRICKS**

president of the Risk Management Association of South Mississippi and a past president of the Exchange Club. Kendricks and his wife, the former Susan Tannehill, have three children.

## Edward Jones ranks No. 1 in national survey for the 10th consecutive year

For the 10th year running, Edward Jones ranked No. 1 in Registered Representative magazine's annual survey of the nation's eight largest financial-services firms.

The magazine randomly selects brokers nationwide (50 representatives from each firm) and asks them to rank their firm in 20 different categories.

"Once again, the highest overall average was at Edward Jones, which earned the top score in 17 of the 29 categories in which it was rated," according to the magazine's December 2002 issue.

With Edward Jones' one-broker, one-branch model, the firm has no branch man-

agers and therefore received no score in that category.

The categories in the survey include the firm's work environment, quality of the firm's products, quality of the products offered and overall management of the firm.

Edward Jones' investment representatives gave the firm the top spots in all of those categories. Within these categories, the firm's broker gave Edward Jones high marks on 17 of the 19 topics including quality of research, overall ethics, ongoing training and quality of its branch office administrators.

"It's always an honor to be recognized by a national publication," Ron

Weatherly, a local Edward Jones investment representative, said. "But this ranking is formed by the opinions of the investment representatives — the people who meet with clients every day. That makes it a better measure of how we are doing for our clients, which given this ranking a greater significance."

"Edward Jones does not offer options or commodities. Instead, it specializes in helping individual investors meet their long-term financial goals and is known for its "buy-and-hold" investment philosophy.

The Edward Jones interactive Web site is located at [www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com).



### Certified

Hancock Bank assistant vice president and trust officer Susan Longmire recently received Certified Retirement Services Professional (CRSP) designation after successfully completing a specialized four-week curriculum and certification testing at the American Bankers Association sponsored Cannon Financial Institute Retirement Services Trust School at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, NC. She has been a Hancock Bank trust administrator since 1999 and graduated from Biloxi High School and received a bachelor of science degree in finance from the University of Southern Mississippi.

## Wendy Lamb joins college

Wendy Lamb will be joining Cy-Fair College in Houston, Texas in January as an academic dean. Lamb has been working with Cy-Fair College this fall as an intern from the University of Texas at Austin where she is completing her PhD in the Community College Leadership Program.

"We are pleased that she will be a part of our academic leadership team at Cy-Fair College," a spokesperson said.

Lamb is a native of Bay St. Louis and was graduated from Christ Episcopal and Bay High schools. She earned her BS and master's from the University of Southern Mississippi.

## AMB offers Yamaha outboards

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## Group seeks instructors

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BOEING/BA	32.33	- .38
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CHEVRON /CVX	65.90	- .75
COCA COLA/KO	43.47	- .61
CSX CORP/CSX	28.20	- .57
DUPONT/DD	42.31	- .65
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### Free books

Recently at Hancock North Central Elementary School, students had an opportunity to watch and participate in Reading Is Fundamental (RIF). The program allows school kids across the nation to have books in their homes. The children watched a puppet and magic show. Each child received a free book from the RIF program.

## Woman assaulted in parking lot

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department is investigating a domestic violence incident which allegedly occurred at the Clermont Harbor/Lakeshore Post Office parking lot, according to Chief Investigator Bob Lambert.

Lambert said, "Preston Stevens, 33, 15302 Chef Menteur Highway, Lot 15, New Orleans East, a former resident of Hancock County, was arrested on December 14 and was charged with simple assault domestic."

"The incident was between a boyfriend/girlfriend. Stevens arrived at the post office with Mary Doyle of Avenue B in a vehicle, and he allegedly grabbed her by her hair and punched her on the side of her face several times. A brother of Doyle drove up, and the assault stopped," Lambert reported.

## Bates selected for national recognition

Bay High School student Brittany Bates of Bay St. Louis has been selected for membership in The National Society of High School Scholars.

The Society inducts only the most outstanding high school students and honors them for superior academic achievement.

Bates is the daughter of Peter Bates, stepdaughter of Tammy Bates, and daughter of Terry Bates of Bay St. Louis.



BRITTANY BATES

Lambert continued, "The couple then drove to a business at Lakeshore Road, and when he got out of the vehicle to make a call on a pay phone, his girlfriend left him and notified police."

Stevens was arrested by Deputy Jeff Chandler a bit later on Hancock Drive, Lambert said, adding, Doyle had two black eyes and a

swollen face.

Stevens was lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility and released on a \$1000 bond, Lambert said.

Deputy Thomas Roan is handling the investigation, and there may be other charges against Stevens, Lambert indicated.

## Military Mention

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Air Force Airman Cristin J. Bradfield was graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Bradfield is the daughter of Dixie Nelson of Bay St. Louis.

She is a 2002 graduate of Bay High School.

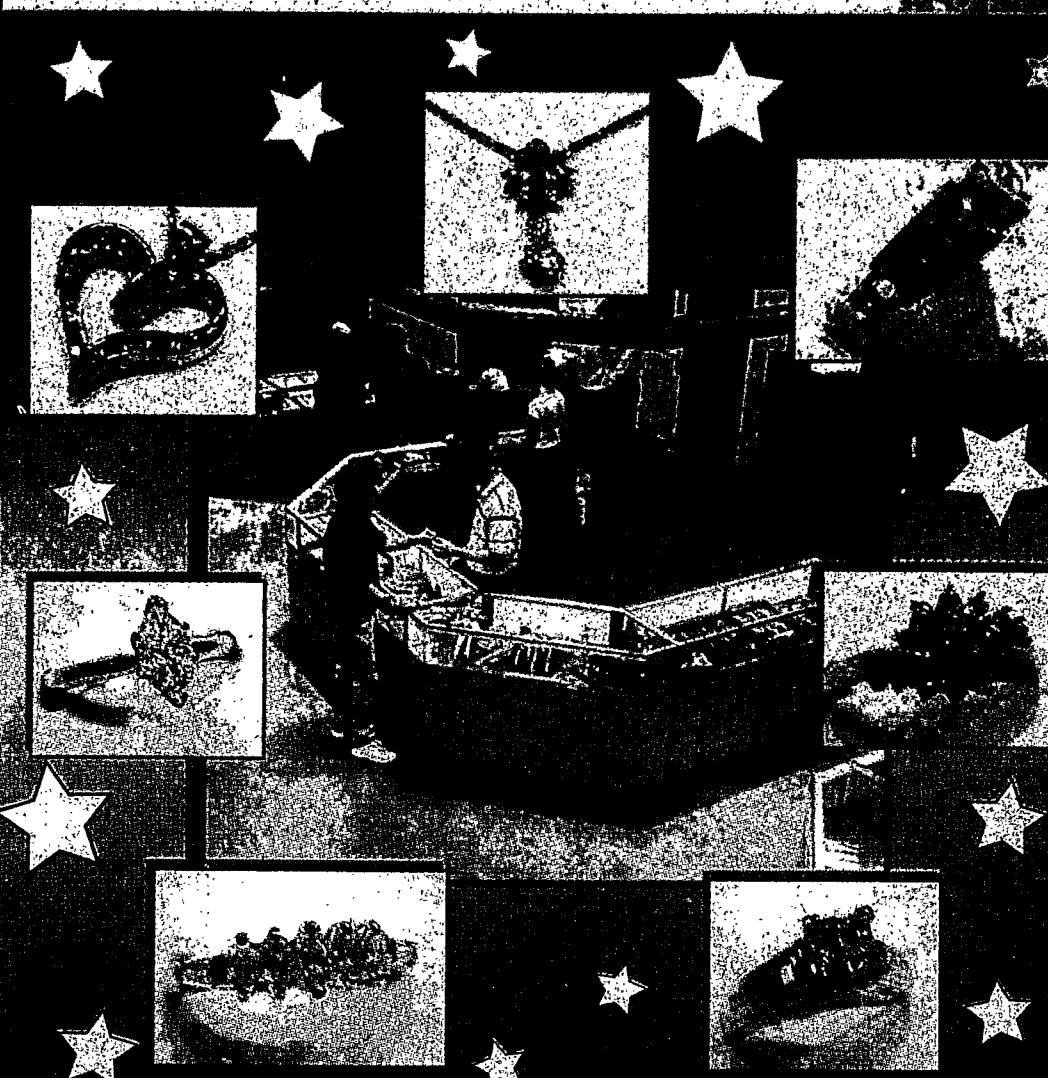
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## Finishing touches make the garden



### SOUTHERN GARDENING

By Norman Winter  
MSU Horticulturist  
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Many of us have toured someone's yard only to find they have the same flowers that are growing in our own beds, but something is dramatically different. There is a special garden that makes us shoot a picture, either real or mentally. We leave either energized to do better or feeling a little depressed.

Our flowers may be as good, but it is the finishing touch that makes a real garden. I am fortunate to see such endeavors several times a year, and I leave energized because I know I can do those same things at my home with a little effort.

What are some of these finishing touches that transforms a yard into a garden or retreat? One that really hit me this summer was the use of mirrors. I have preached the idea of developing rooms outside for sitting and relaxing, and one home I visited indeed had accomplished this feat to the utmost.

The furniture stood out, artistically speaking; the flowers were blooming to the hilt, but each room had a mirror hanging from a tree or attached to a trellis. It gave the illusion of a window to see through. In reality, you were really looking behind you or to the side.

We use mirrors everywhere inside the home. Why not outside? The light reflection almost performs magic on an outdoor living space. Use them on the shady porch or patio, too.

Another home mesmerized me from the standpoint of the deck and its accompaniments.

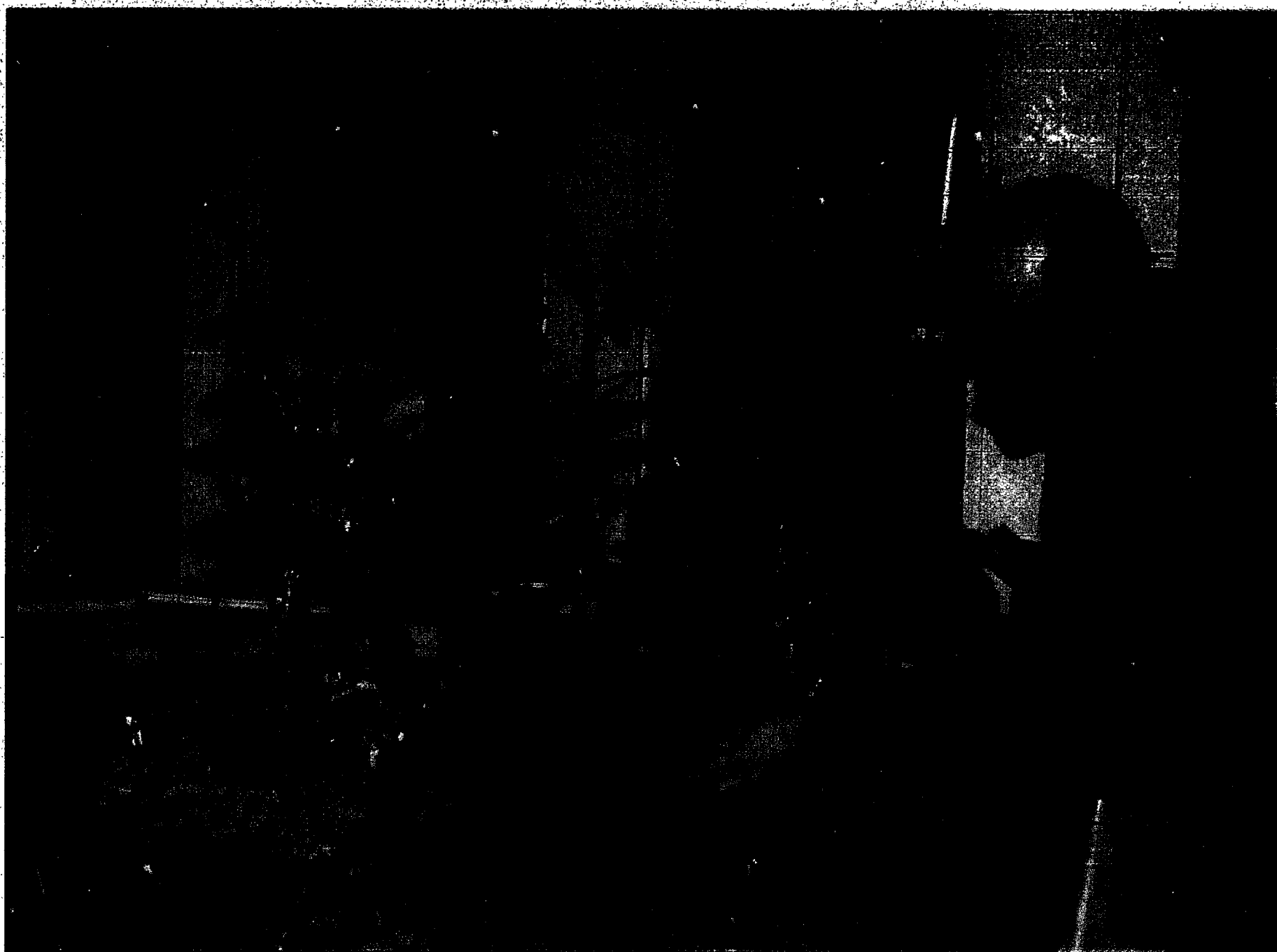
I could actually devote a series of articles to this one deck. One of the most magnificent aspects was a large chandelier hanging over the dining table. The chandelier hung from a giant tree but instead of electric lights it had a half dozen candles. This wasn't expensive; it was recycled, and it took vision.

The next three ideas are very simple and inexpensive, but I did leave wondering why I didn't think of that. We all find ourselves with container plants around the porch, patio or deck. Some are large, others are small. The small containers sometimes go unnoticed when on the ground.

The solution from one gardener was to turn an old rustic urn upside down and place a piece of flagstone across the topside to create a small table.

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## Renaissance Man



## Waveland man dabbles in art, airplanes, remodeling

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Waveland resident Marcel Anderson is kind of local renaissance man, an artist who is an airplane mechanic by trade, a home remodeler, when time permits, a father, an ex-marine.

Anderson served as a flight engineer/plane captain of a fighter squadron. He was stationed in South Carolina and did several tours of duty in Guantanamo and aboard the USS Independence. He learned the mechanic's trade during his service years and now works for an aircraft business at Stennis International Airport.

Work doesn't leave much time for creativity these days, but the income will

help pay for a renovations on Anderson's Waveland home, he says. He does the renovation work himself, a skill picked up from several years of renovation work he did on homes or businesses in the French Quarter.

Anderson's chosen form of expression is metal



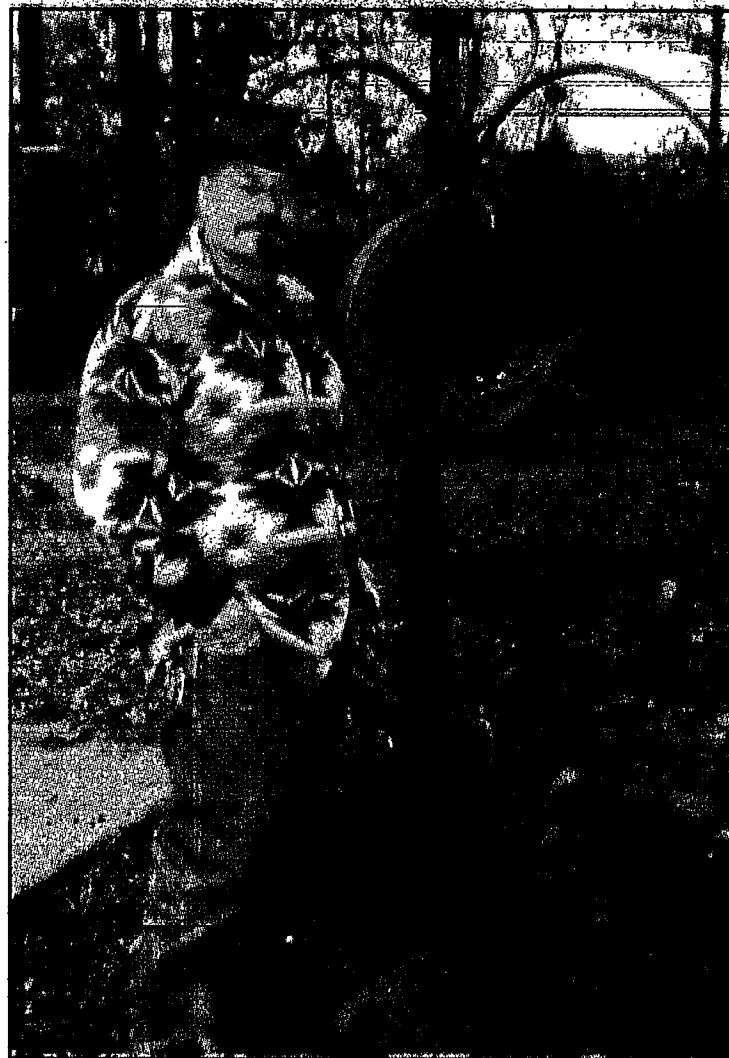
sculpture and his work ranges in scope from delicate pieces suitable for tabletop display to sturdy works that could be center pieces in a park or home

garden. His style ranges from abstract to traditional, each with their own special feel.

Most of Anderson's pieces are done in brass or copper and the results are finely detailed sculptures. But wrestling with hot metal is no delicate task and working with the acid baths used to color the copper requires a well ventilated area.

So a lot of Anderson's work is done in an old work shed located on his four and a half acre home site in Waveland. Right now the work shed overflows with signs of the ongoing home renovation, but when his home is complete, Anderson said, he plans to renovate the shed/studio.

ANDERSON--PAGE 8B



Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter  
At home in Waveland, artist/sculptor Marcel Anderson's creations range from the delicate to the bold, as at home in the backyard as they would be in an elegant living area. Anderson creates art and life from the ordinary.

## The Queen of the Blue Tip Crabs

It was a cold day to put out a crab pot, but Stella wanted a half dozen crabs for hors d'oeuvres to go with our Sunday dinner and Jennie and I were delegated to get them.

It would seem that it would be less trouble to go over to Bayou Caddy to buy them, but getting them right in front of our house is a panache that is one of the joys of coastal living.

It would be a mortal sin not to set out our traps no matter how involved it was and so when we want some crabs to go with our meals,

we do.

The sun was out and the water was calm with a beautiful tea brown clarity so it wasn't too bad a day to be out wading in the winter cold. Jennie splashed around me saying in her own way that it wasn't that cold.

The cold is what bothered me. We had set the traps earlier that morning with some chicken parts and I was sure that any sensible crab would have burrowed into the mud and we would be returning to tell Stella that we would

have to go to mmmm.

However, as Jennie and I approached the trap tied next to the remnants of Herb's pier, we saw a great deal of stirring in the confines of the trap. It appeared that I was wrong! The trap was full!

I put the five-gallon paint pail down and with long tongs started pulling the crabs out of the trap and placing them in the pail. One, two, three, four, five and if I could get that last one that was scurrying around we would have six very fat crabs. Finally I got

## Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette  
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it, or her as it turned out, and started to put her into the pail with the others. "Oh, Please, Mr. Paul. Please, Please, let me go!" I looked around. There was no one there. Jennie had stopped her scampering around me and suddenly sitting still in the cold water, looked amazed at the crab in my tongs.

Equally startled, I also stared at it. Could the crab have spoken to me? I was so amazed I said the first thing that came into my head.

"How did you know my name?"  
"Why aren't you Miss Stella's husband?"  
"Well, yes"

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## Krewe of Diamondhead royalty crowned

*King Chuck Garrison, Queen Til Garrison receive royal crowns at Coronation Gala December 7*

The Krewe of Diamondhead held its Coronation Gala at the Country Club Dec. 7.

King Chuck Garrison and Queen Til Garrison received their royal crowns as the former king and queen retired their scepters.

During the ceremony, King Chuck Garrison issued his proclamation which was indeed amusing.

Earlier that morning the king and queen hosted a brunch after the official Krewe of Diamondhead flags were raised and dedicated at their home.

The party at the Country Club was indeed spectacular with great food, a fine musical group and special entertainment rendered by the Long Beach Chorus.

The decorations was nothing short of spectacular, with Pat Sheehy serving as chairman of the decoration committee, ably

assisted by Bill and Billie Bahner, Ray Sheehy, June Duffour, Velma and Benny Mistretta, Lou Lamandola, Neal Hall, Betty Flood, Jan and Bob Lewis, and Eloise Connelly.

The tableau and tableau music was directed by Helen Eckert, Pat Sheehy, and June Duffour.

After the tableau, dinner, and entertainment, the orchestra played some terrific music led by their talented vocalist, Starr. The krewe members just stayed and danced and enjoyed the party.

The next Krewe of Diamondhead activity will be the annual Mardi Gras Ball on February 22. Then be ready for the annual Krewe of Diamondhead Mardi Gras Parade on March 1, which will roll on the Diamondhead streets.

Members of the Krewe of Diamondhead will receive notices of these activities.



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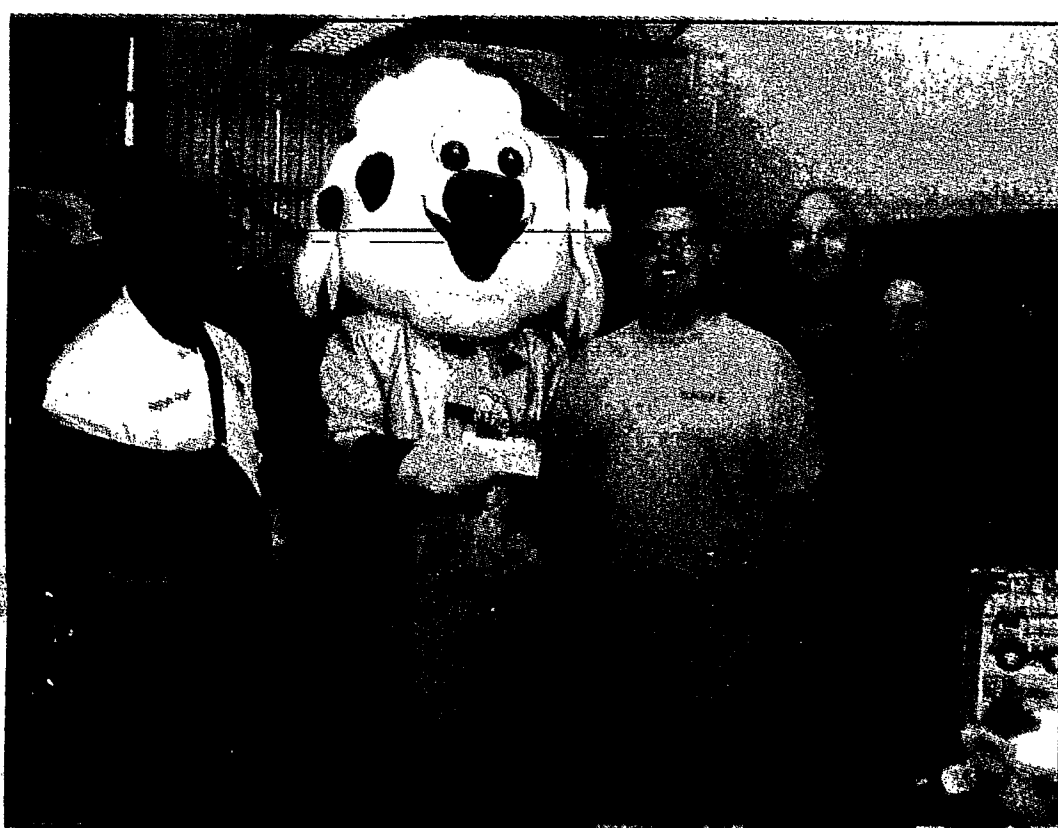
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## Hancock County Republican Women's Club to meet Jan. 2

The next regular Meeting of the Hancock County Republican Women's Club will be held on Thursday, Jan. 2, at 11 a.m. in the Diamondhead Community Center. Newly elected president Nell Frisbie will preside.

Club member's had the honor of being awarded first prize for the "Most Patriotic" Christmas tree on display at the Bay St. Louis Library this year.

The tree was decorated with photo's of uniformed member's of the club's families, both active duty, as well as veterans dating back as far as World War I.

Other decorations were all hand-made, plus a profusion of tiny American Flags. A star made of raffia topped the tree. Club chairwoman Marilyn Adams was the designer.

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## Woodland Village invaded by Bay High School French Club



The Bay High School French Club, sponsored by French teacher Ellsabet Casano visited the Woodland Village nursing home in Diamondhead on Dec. 16. The group sang French Christmas carols and handed out cards with greetings written in French to the residents. Allyson Cleaves sang a solo of "Minuit Chrétiens (O Holy Night)." Also, the duet of Lindsay Necaise and Tara Atwell played two Christmas songs on their flutes. Skip Ladner finished the program with "What Child Is This?" on the piano. The residents fully enjoyed the performance by the students. For that, Mrs. Casano is planning to take the club back in the spring for another performance of traditional French folk songs.

## Visiting Santa



The Hancock County Human Resource Agency Child Development Center children recently visited Santa. The children, who were on their best behavior, received a toy and took a picture with Santa. The center, located at 299 Washington Street in Bay St. Louis, provides care to working parents through a contract with the Office for Children and Youth, Mississippi Department of Human Services. The program is also funded as a United Way participating agency. Please call 467-8050 for child care assistance information and referral.

## BHS graduate receives scholarship at Tulane

Tulane University has announced that Gary M. Yarborough has been awarded the Thomas and Gleaves James scholarship.

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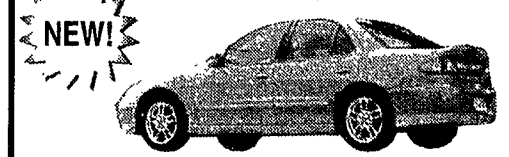
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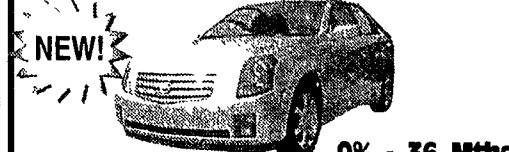
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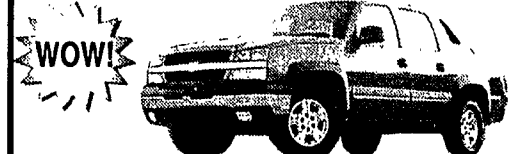
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## Holidays bring children home, offer parents opportunities

*Ole Miss Professor says parents can enrich children's education in ways schools can't*

Holidays bring school closings and send children home, offering parents teaching opportunities.

"Parents are in a position to enrich a child's education in ways that schools can't," said Cindy Leigh, associate professor of elementary education at the University of Mississippi.

She offers the following suggestions for parents:

Require your child to study, but don't run your home like an academic boot camp. "Too much skill and drill is going to turn them off. To make them love it, supervision should be more constructive than punitive," she said.

Set guidelines at home to promote good study habits. Designate a place and time for study or reading. Make this part of your child's daily routine, even if there is no homework for the next day. Place a calendar prominently in the kitchen or study area, and avoid last-minute rushes by recording due dates for school assignments.

Become familiar with your child's learning style

and be flexible enough to ensure the best study environment.

"Some kids actually study better spreading out on the floor or with background music from the radio," Leigh said. "Parents can build on their child's strongest style by being innovative."

"For example, linguistic children love to develop and use acronyms. On the other hand, musical children can remember better anything that is set to a tune. I like to sing my grocery list instead of writing it down."

Divide study times into short segments with breaks. "Twenty minutes is about the maximum attention span for upper-elementary children. A short break helps renew their concentration."

Provide ample supplies. Ensuring effective home study can hinge on something as simple as having the right materials.

Interact with your children by reading aloud to them and talking with them. "This engages multiple areas of the brain and encourages elabora-

tion, or extension, of language," Leigh said.

Keep close contact with your child's school by joining the parent-teacher association or using other methods like e-mail to interact. "Any kind of involvement lets your child know that you care and that you're interested in what he or she is doing."

Find out if your child's teacher has a homework Web site. Many teachers post requirements, word lists and other information on a regular basis. This can be very helpful to parents and students.

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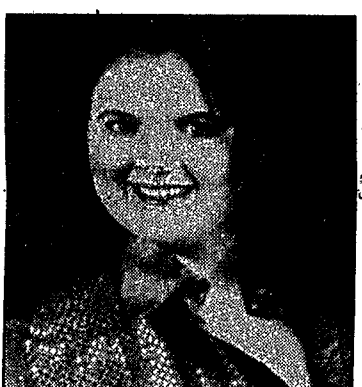
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## Jeanfreau published in Who's Who



Jacqueline Jeanfreau

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The diminutive containerized plant now rests in a prominent position, able to be enjoyed to the utmost.

At my home, the gloves and hand trowels have nothing to do with art. I usually have to hunt for them because I forget where I placed them. Not so at one home I visited.

Just to the left of the

door on the covered patio was a reed basket. In it were the pruners, hand trowel and gloves. No big deal, right? Yet on the other hand, they were so placed as if to warrant a photograph for the cover of a garden magazine.

On the other side of the door was an old tree similar to what you might use for a bottle tree. Instead, the

branches were used for the hat, one for an apron and the other for a basket to harvest cut flowers.

This is a good time of the year for reflecting on how things grow, evaluating our landscape for improvements, planting cool-season color and also seeing how adding some finishing touches to our yard can indeed make it a garden.

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## Views

"Well then I am sure, Mr. Paul, being married to Miss Stella and all, that she would be right proud if you would be so kind as to let me go."

I couldn't believe it. I was arguing with a crab. "If you really know Miss Stella, you should know she would be very angry at me if I did let you go."

Jennie agreed with me on this and leaning forward, growled in a way that I knew meant: "Let's kill her and eat her now! I'll help!"

I pulled the tongs higher out of Jennie's reach as the crab snapped at Jennie's too close nose. "I guess that decides it. I'm sorry, but you'll make a lovely hors d'oeuvre. It's Sunday you know. So into the pail with the others"

When I looked into the pail however, I found that the crabs already there had worked together to form a barrier that would not allow me to put the last crab in. I was again startled by a different voice coming out of the pail.

"Oh, please kind sir. Take us and do what you will, but release our Queen."

"Queen!?"

"Yes, Mr. Paul, I am the Queen of the Blue-Tip Crabs. My court and I were on our way to join the King in his winter palace when we were overcome by the alluring bits of chicken you had so cleverly placed in your trap. Alas, unless you release me, he will face the cold winter without me."

Jennie had had enough of this. She knew what a pushover I was to this kind of a story and went back to the beach and sat looking at me disappointed.

Ma'am, Queen, Your Royal, I mean, Regal Highness, I can't let you go. Stella would be very angry with me."

"Very well," said the Queen, putting her claws together in a conciliatory way and there was silence for a long moment. Finally, she spoke once more. "I will grant you one, no make that three wishes if you will release me and my court. They must be unselfish wishes however."

Otherwise, you will be guilty of ransoming me; a very bad social sin. So make three wishes and I will grant them. Please don't waste your time asking for peace on earth or some other such imaginaries. That was wished on someone more powerful than me two thousand years ago and he is still trying to make it come about. I'm afraid, I am not near as powerful as that.

"So, Mr. Paul, make your three wishes and in the coming year we will make them happen."

I thought for a few min-

utes and told her what I wished for. The Queen let out a sigh.

**What were my three wishes? What would you have wished if you were in my place? I would like very much to hear what you as well as the other people of Waveland and Bay St. Louis would like to see happen in the next year and your reasons for wanting them to happen. Please think about it under the specifications made by the Queen of the Blue-Tip Crabs and write me a short one page note containing all of your three wishes and your reasons and we will print the best ones in the Sea Coast Echo and the very best of the best will be Stella and my guest for a Sunday dinner. We won't have crabs.**

utes and told her what I wished for. The Queen let out a sigh.

"You have made three very difficult wishes, but they are good wishes and I

will grant them since they will make the people in Waveland and Bay St. Louis much happier than they are now."

She snapped her claws together and there was a loud pop and a small golden light appeared in the air around me and slowly faded. I felt suddenly pleas-

antly warm standing in the cold water.

I put the Queen carefully in the water and while she waited, equally as carefully, upended the pail and the other five maiden crabs surrounded their Queen and they started off.

Just as they were about to disappear from sight the Queen turned and with her royal retinue standing around her waved her right claw.

"Your wishes have been granted. However, it is up to the people of Waveland and Bay St. Louis to allow the three wishes to happen. I am sad to say, they may well act so the wishes will not come to pass. But be of good heart and don't give up hope. Those were very good wishes."

With that, she and her royal court disappeared into the dark water.

Jenny and I went back to the house and told Stella the pots were empty. She nodded as if she knew and said she had already made a large salad.

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# Leaders do not make a church

"I haven't been to church in a year! Whenever I got paid, I used to set aside 10 percent of my money for the church. And now I hear that some of the money we have been giving to our church is being used as hush money to keep victims of sexual abuse by priests quiet! I'm completely outdone!"

With fire in her eyes and brimstone in her voice, my parishioner was just passing by the front of church after Sunday Mass as I stood hand-shaking, hugging and communicating with departing churchgoers. "I was not supposed to pass this way," she continued. "But, then, we know that nothing is accidental, since God is always in control."

Restive, pacing, gesticulating and spewing sparks, she began to work the callous bishops and errant priests over. "The Church is corrupt! Why should I want to be associated with an institution which does not take care of our children, but rather allows them to be savaged physically and abused sexually? I do not want to be a part of this religious charade."

"Imagine removing a monster, a sexual abuser from one parish and sending him over to your parish to molest your children sexually! That is the height of brazenness, coldness and disregard for children, the most helpless of those among us! We do not want these people ruling over us!"

Subconsciously, the lady had laid her finger squarely on the reason for the uproar within and without the Church. Consenting adults can do practically whatever they want, even if priests are involved, without arousing the passions of church members. Not so when children are involved. Passions are simply inflamed as soon as child sexual abuse comes into the picture.

## REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome LeDoux, SVD



"I don't care about the adults! They're grown and should be able to take care of themselves. As long as they are consenting, let them be. Besides, they need to get rid of what does not work - obligatory celibacy - and allow those priest candidates to marry who

my time, energy, talents and resources to a cause which destroys our kids. And why do those dirty old men pick on children to abuse sexually with so many wild adults running around, seeking or waiting to be had?"

"In the life of pedophiles, it

over the length and breadth of the Church. We don't want to throw the baby out with the bath water, but we had better hop to it and dump that dirty bath water in a hurry.

Violently and frightfully shaken by multi-media exposure and the inescapable reality that they live in glass houses displaying the emperor without clothes, bishops and priests have crumpled down to earth, tumbling from the pedestal where laypersons had long kept them in high esteem. So, welcome to the end of 2002! And welcome to the beginning of 2003! As this year cruises to a quick end, the hour is extremely late and the time way overdue for radical changes which were clearly in the wind twenty years ago as sounded in the dire warnings of dozens of whistle blowers.

It is not at all clear how many have fallen away from the Church because of the rending fissures below the waterline of what we affectionately know as Peter's Bark. We do know the ship is listing badly and is in critical need of internal repairs and the jettisoning of an unnerving load of garbage.

A credible start has been made with the admission of neglect and lack of responsibility by church leaders, with a humble apology for all their failings, with a plea for forgiveness for all their offenses, with a commitment to abandon secretiveness and cover-ups, and finally with an omnibus plan to protect children, punish the guilty, and carefully screen priest candidates.

2003 is a New Year for all of us, but, realistically, today, one day at a time, is the only way each of us, each family, the whole Church, and the whole country can become more Godly one step at a time.

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wish to do so!"

"I have always been in agreement with that," I assured her. "But you are aware that the bishops and priests are not the Church? There would be no Church if there were only bishops and priests. The Latin/Greek word Ecclesia tells us what the Church is: the assembly of the people. What good would a shepherd do without sheep, or church leaders without members?"

"Yes, I know. We are all the Church, and it is up to us to keep it alive. But after all this, I don't even feel like being part of a body like this and giving

is not a question of available options," I pointed out. "Pedophiles do not want options. Just children. And include in this hugely strange group of deviates an unlikely number of married men who entered marriage as a cover or a cure. While pedophilic priests are high-profile and morally unthinkable, pedophiles are in every walk of life."

Being in the saddle as a pastor and feeling the heat from many sides in veiled and not-so-veiled exchanges, I bear personal witness to the fact that a slow building firestorm has exploded with searing heat

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Too many people expect too much out of this time of the year. They think that just because this is Christmas and New Year time that a special kind of joy will automatically come their way.

After all, everyone else seems to be so happy. Why not me? But do you think you can overcome your loneliness and sadness without meeting the real person who stands behind these holidays?

Yes, most folks want the joy of Christmas and the joy of New Year without the Christ of Christmas and without the God of the Bible. But you cannot have real joy without first

realizing that "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

And you will never overcome loneliness without accepting the invitation of Jesus Christ when He says to you, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

You see, these are all things involved in the salvation, which Christ brought almost two thousand years ago, and the angels sang about at His birth.

And so I encourage you to follow Jesus Christ. "Putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).

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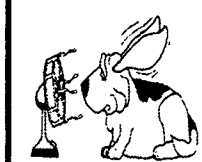
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## Anderson

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He derives his inspiration from nature, he says, though the most mundane experience can be the well spring for a creative idea for Anderson.

His favorite piece and one that is not for sale is a rendition of a duck hunting camp in the woods along the Jordon River, where he and a friend spent many happy times.

"It has special meaning to me," he says.

"It's all right out there," Anderson says, while looking out the windows that surround his dining room. Ideas come from a walk in the woods, he says, and anything can inspire.

"One day while I was walking after a rain I noticed water running from an elephant ear leaf to a caladium leaf and so on," said Anderson. The result was an inspiration for one of the many fountains that he has created, fountains being one of his specialties.

"I once traded a fountain for a car for my wife," Anderson says. "It wasn't a brand new car but it was a fair trade." His sculptures have graced homes and gardens throughout the country.

He created a large memorial fountain for the Jazz Festival in New Orleans, that sported

musical instruments, notes and other tributes to music. Part of it remains in his backyard, along with several other creations.

Anderson's larger sculptures are sturdy structures and the weathering effect of the outdoors seems to heighten their appeal.

He created his first piece in 1968. Inspired by nature and the style of the times, it was a tree of brass with a large canopy. Branches of the tree sported thousands of tiny cut mirrors instead of leaves.

In 1972 Anderson was invited to be a demonstrator on the first run of the art train, which has continued under the sponsorship of the Smithsonian Institute. The train is a traveling art museum which displays the works of world renowned artists and offers demonstrations of art techniques across the country as it travels from town to town.

Before moving back to the coast, Anderson, who was born and raised in Bay St. Louis, created his art at his river front home located in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

The house, built almost entirely from lumber salvaged from the Mississippi River itself,

was a source of inspiration for many years, he says, a kind of living environment. It stood on pilings on the river side of the levee and at times of high water, Anderson said, was almost a part of the river itself.

At the river house Anderson worked on the back porch of the house, which faced the river. Each day ships passed nearby on their way up and down the river.

About 13 camps made up the little settlement, he said, and the river provided both lumber and pilings for expansions to the dwellings when they floated into the yard.

At present, Anderson said, he is concentrating on finishing his home project and later the renovation of the studio. He is not doing art shows any more and is not currently displaying art at any local shops or galleries.

"I would like to," he says, "but I just don't have the time."

For now, if you are interested in viewing Anderson's work, there are several pieces on display at the main terminal building at Stennis International Airport. To commission a piece you may call Anderson at 228-466-0414.

## Hospital gives advice on handling fireworks for safe New Year fun

There were four deaths attributed to fireworks in the U.S. in 2001, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

An estimated 9,500 fireworks-related injuries were treated in U.S. emergency rooms during that same year.

Dr. David Collipp, medical director of the rehab surgery program at Methodist Rehabilitation Center, encourages children and adults to use extreme caution when handling fireworks. Children ages 10 to 14 have the highest risk of injury per capita, followed by children ages 15 to 19 and then children ages 5 to 9, according to CPSC.

"Most fireworks can be relatively safe with proper and careful use," said Dr. Collipp. "However, some fireworks are very dangerous and can result in deaths, loss of eyesight, severe burns and amputation."

Firecrackers were the most dangerous, with 1,500 injuries, followed by rock-

ets with 1,200 injuries. Sparklers, which can reach temperatures of more than 1,000 degrees, accounted for about one-third of the injuries to children under 5. Males are three times more likely to be injured than females.

Dr. Collipp and Lisa Uzzie Gates, director of Think First, Methodist Rehab's statewide injury prevention program, urge everyone to closely follow safety tips offered by the U.S. CPSC and the National Council on Fireworks Safety:

- Do not allow young children to play with fireworks under and circumstances. Sparklers, considered by many the ideal "safe" firework for the young, burn at very high temperatures and can easily ignite clothing. Children cannot understand the danger involved and cannot act appropriately in case of emergency.

- Older children should only be permitted to use fireworks under close adult supervision. Do not allow

any running or horseplay.

- Light fireworks in a clear area away from houses, dry leaves, grass and flammable materials.

- Keep a bucket of water and a garden hose nearby for emergencies and for pouring on fireworks that don't go off.

- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Wait 15 to 20 minutes, then douse and soak them with water and throw them away.

- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks. Never point or throw them towards other people.

- Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.

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# St. Stanislaus College hosts 12th Annual Academic Competition for Excellence

The 12th annual St. Stanislaus College Academic Competition for Excellence (A.C.E.) was held on the campus of St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis Dec. 7, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

More than 430 students from fifth, sixth, and seventh grades participated. They represented 43 schools from Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Pearl River, and Stone counties in the competition.

Six students from each school in the counties named had been invited to compete in one of five subject areas: English, mathematics, science, social studies, and computer literacy (seventh graders only). A competitive test was administered for each subject, and trophies were awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers.

After the test, to lighten the atmosphere, each grade played Team Trivia.

The winning fifth grade participants were:

**English:** 1st place, Danielle Niewind from North Woolmarket Elementary and Middle School, Biloxi; and Sara Stuart from South Side Elementary School, Picayune; 2nd place, Brandi Harbour from Lyman Elementary School; and 3rd place, Ashley Kostvock from Lizana Elementary School, Gulfport.

**Mathematics:** 1st place, Kyle Stone from North Woolmarket Elementary and Middle School, Biloxi; 2nd place, Nasreen Noor from Harper McCaughan Elementary School, Long Beach; and 3rd place, Kenneth Herbert from Hancock North Elementary School, Kiln.

**Science:** 1st place, Jamie Jelinski, East Hancock Elementary School; 2nd place, Brendan Cogley from St. Thomas School, Long Beach; and 3rd place, James Johnson from West Side Elementary School, Picayune.

**Social Studies:** 1st place, Jordan Gargiulo, St. James Elementary School, Gulfport; 2nd place, Sarah Hewes from St. James Elementary School, Gulfport; and 3rd place, Drake Odom from Westminster Academy,

Gulfport.

**Team Trivia:** 1st place, St. James Elementary School, Gulfport; 2nd place, Harper McCaughan Elementary School, Long Beach; and 3rd place, East Hancock Elementary School, Kiln.

The winning sixth grade participants were:

**English:** 1st place, Guy Wood from Bay Catholic Elementary School, Bay St. Louis; 2nd place, David Zubick from Three Rivers Elementary School, Gulfport; and 3rd place, Rachel Fairchild from Sacred Heart Elementary, Hattiesburg.

Bay Catholic Elementary School, Bay St. Louis; 3rd place, Kristen Mechanic from North Woolmarket Elementary and Middle School, Biloxi; and Honorable Mention Ethan Hoff from St. Paul Elementary School, Pass Christian.

**Team Trivia:** 1st place, Long Beach Middle School, Long Beach; 2nd place, North Bay Elementary School, Bay St. Louis; and 3rd place, Trent Lott Middle School, Pascagoula.

The winning seventh grade participants were:

**English:** 1st place, Will Lang from Ocean Springs Middle School, Ocean Springs; 2nd place, Ashley Villarreal from Sacred Heart Elementary School, Hattiesburg; and 3rd place, Eric Horton from Sacred Heart Elementary School, Hattiesburg.

**Mathematics:** 1st place, Chelsea Wahl from Hancock Middle School, Kiln; 2nd place, Travis Myers from Trent Lott Middle School, Pascagoula; and 3rd place, Brittany Smith from Ocean Springs Middle School, Ocean Springs.

**Science:** 1st place, Ryan Doyle from Ocean Springs Middle School, Ocean Springs; 2nd place, Joseph Simpson from St. John Elementary School, Gulfport; 3rd place, Aaron Wise from Vancleave Middle School, Vancleave; and Honorable Mention tie, Bridgett Dedeaux from Trent Lott Middle School, Pascagoula, and Christopher Strunk from Resurrection Middle School, Pascagoula.

**Social Studies:** 1st place, Brandon Langley from Resurrection Middle School, Pascagoula; 2nd place, Micah Lee from Colmer Middle School, Pascagoula; and 3rd place, J. T. Tomes from Trent Lott Middle School, Pascagoula.

**Computer Literacy:** 1st place, Brian Seagren from Hancock Middle School, Kiln; 2nd place, Nic Manuel Resurrection Middle School, Pascagoula; and 3rd place, David Malbrough from Cedar Lake Christian Academy, Biloxi.

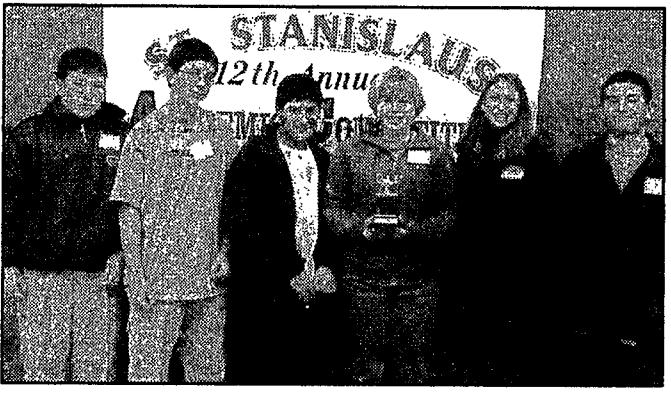
**Team Trivia:** 1st place, Ocean Springs Middle School, Ocean Springs; 2nd place, Hancock Middle School, Kiln; and 3rd place, Mercy Cross, Biloxi.



A.C.E. Team Trivia 5th grade 3rd place, East Hancock Elementary



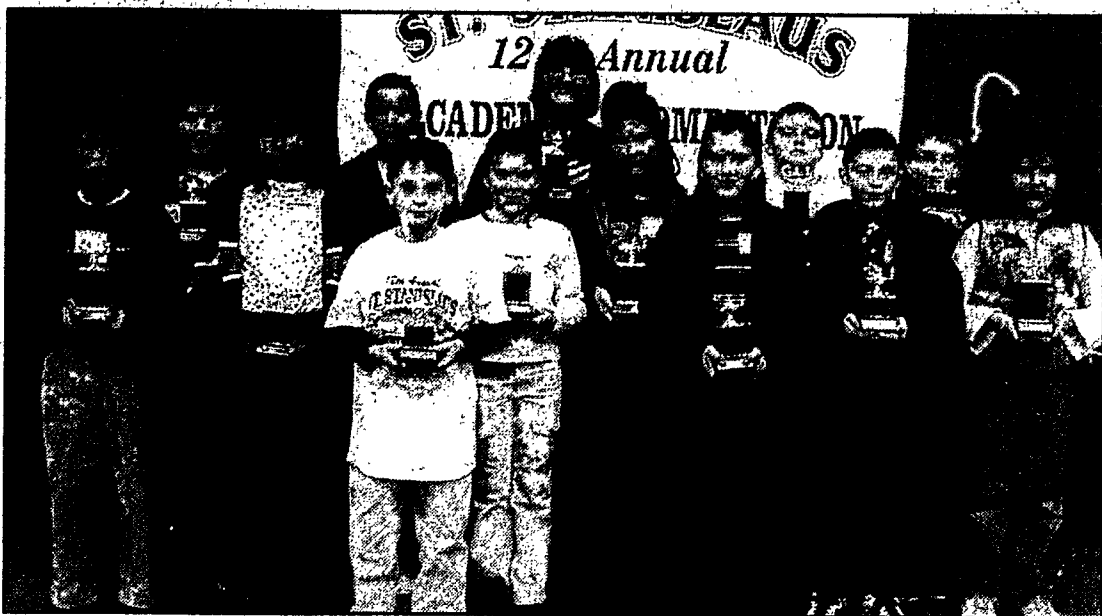
A.C.E. Team Trivia 6th grade 2nd place, North Bay Elementary School, Bay St. Louis



A.C.E. Team Trivia 7th grade 2nd place, Hancock Middle School



A.C.E. winners from the 7th grade are, front from left, Brandon Langley, Micah Lee, Chris Strunk, and Joseph Simpson; middle row, Ryan Doyle, Brittany Smith, Chelsea Wahl, Ashley Villarreal, Travis Myers, and J.T. Tomes; back row, Nic Manuel, Will Lang, Eric Horton, Aaron Wise, David Malbrough, and Brian Seagren. Not pictured is Bridget Dedeaux.



A.C.E. winners from the 5th grade are, front from left, Drake Odom and Sarah Hewes; middle row, Jordan Gargiulo, Nasreen Noor, Brandi Harbour, Danielle Niewind, Kenneth Herbert, and Jamie Jelinski; and back row, Brendan Cogley, Ashley Kostvock, Sara Stuart, Kyle Stone, and James Johnson.



A.C.E. winners from the 6th grade include, front from left, Christopher Hartung, Ethan Hoff and Danny Sween; middle row, Sabrina Bradford, Yasmin Noor, David Zubick, Hillary Goodfellow, Tanner Reid, and Margaret Thomas; and back row, Brandon Scot Strange, Matt Zumwalt, Guy Wood, Robert Jacobson, Rachel Fairchild, and Kristen Mechanic.

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- ✓ Make sure you eat something before drinking. Never drink on an empty stomach.
- ✓ Don't get into a car if you think the driver has been drinking - arrange another ride for both of you.
- ✓ If you are giving a party, offer your guests the alternative of nonalcoholic beverages.
- ✓ If you see someone driving drunk, report it immediately - you may be saving a life.
- ✓ Don't let anyone who appears intoxicated drive. Arrange for other transportation.
- ✓ Remember, even one alcoholic drink can affect judgement and coordination.
- ✓ Above all, use common sense and enjoy your holidays.

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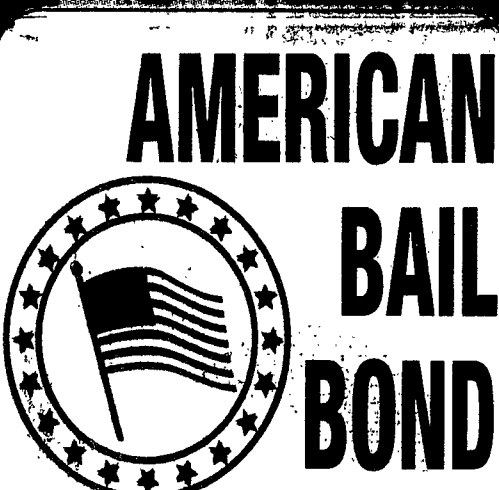
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